

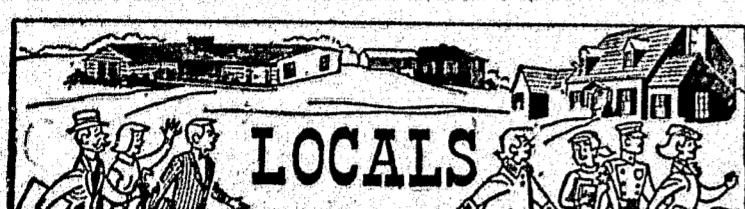
HE WHO LIVES WITHOUT COMMITTING ANY FOLLY IS NOT SO WISE AS HE THINKS.—La Rouchefoucauld

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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1963

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Two "Children Playing" signs have been installed on Upper Paradise Road.

The Five Town Teachers Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p. m. at Crescent Park School.

Wallace Saunders was taken to the Maine Medical Center, Portland, this Thursday morning where he is an observation patient.

Eddie Tibbets, a student at Northeastern University in Boston, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Tibbets.

Miss Dixie Brown is enjoying a vacation from her studies at Farmington State Teachers College and is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Sunday River Junior Ski Club will be represented in Farmington on Sunday when their racers enter the annual competitions for the Wes Marco trophy.

Miss Carol Young arrived home Monday night for a semester break from her studies at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. She will return to college on Sunday.

Purity Chapter, OES, will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p. m. A program is planned honoring associate matrons and associate patrons.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton were in Boston on Tuesday of this week. Miss Linda Brown rode back with them, after enjoying a few day's vacation from her studies at Burdett College.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hastings attended the Oxford County Day luncheon at Blaine Mansion in Augusta on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Leland Brown assisted in serving at the luncheon.

Kent Taylor, a member of the junior class at Bates College, Lewiston, was a guest last week end at the home of his mother, Mrs. George Taylor. Other guests at the Taylor home for the week end were: Miss Joan Tobe, Miss Eunice Johnson, Miss Gracia Seekens, Norman Gillespie, Robert Cauldwell, Martin Brinkman, Gary Seeken, all students at Bates College.

Mrs. Vance Richardson's Sixth Grade Sunday School Class at the West Parish Congregational Church enjoyed a swim at the indoor pool at Hebron Academy on Monday night. Those making the trip were: John Thurston, Seth Timberlake, Lincoln Fiske, Steve Hastings, Christopher Bailey, Raymond Baker, Peter Kalley, Mitchell Robertson, and Mrs. Richardson. Unable to make the trip was Michael Heino.

Miss Carolyn Chapman is spending a few days at the home of her parents in the Park. She will return to her studies at Nasson College in Springvale next Monday. Airman Third Class Terence Cray of Mattapoisett, Mass., is also a guest at the Chapman home. Airman Cray has been stationed at the Amarillo Air Force Base in Amarillo, Tex., and is enjoying several days leave enroute to Germany where he expects to be stationed the next two years.

The Week in Oxford County

Plans are to open a Health and Welfare Center in Market Square, South Paris. It is sponsored by three Adventist Churches in the area. It will offer services to nearby communities. Classes in First Aid are in the plans.

Nearly 200 Boy Scouts attended the Abnaki District winter carnival in Norway Saturday.

A letter to a Maine daily paper from a Hebron resident, Gerald L. Saunders, urges Maine people to consider the relocation of the Boys Training Center to the site of the Western Maine Sanatorium in Hebron. Rep. Melville Chapman is making an effort in this direction.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

The budget committee meetings are getting underway and the discussions for the next few weeks will be the advisability of spending money for one project or another. With the cost of everything also going up, it is reasonable that the cost of operating and maintaining the municipal services of a community will also go up. I'm not implying that the regular municipal accounts are going to take a large increase but merely that some increases should be made so that the level of services and condition of equipment can be maintained.

I mentioned in last week's column that the conference on river pollution will be Feb. 5, in Portland. Anyone interested in the meeting can come in the office and read the notice from the State Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

There hasn't been an awful lot of snow yet this winter but there is still plenty of time. Not that I want any more but I don't doubt that we will get it anyway. We have been very fortunate so far about break downs with the plowing equipment. One of the big plows is 12 years old and another 17 years old. With trucks that old we have been lucky that neither has been tied up any length of time for repairs. I hope our luck continues.

I might mention now that anyone can register to vote anytime that the office is open. The rate of excise tax payments has increased some and will be pretty steady from now to the end of February. For the convenience of some who might not know, the office is open from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. week days and from 9 a. m. until noon Saturday. Anyone who can't get to the office during those hours can call and I will make other arrangements for them to receive their vehicle.

Michael Houlihan

REV. BRADLEY ACCEPTS CONNECTICUT PASTORATE

Rev. Raymond H. Bradley Jr., pastor of Phillips Congregational Church since 1955, and of both Rangeley and Phillips Congregational Churches since 1958, tendered his resignation at the annual meetings Sunday. Rev. Bradley has accepted a call to serve the Andover, Conn., Congregational Church and will leave for his new pastorate in mid-April.

He was ordained at the Phillips church July 11, 1958. Following his ordination in 1958, he married the former Sally Brown of Bethel. The Bradleys have two sons, Raymond, 3, and Richard, 1. They have made their home in the parsonage at Rangeley maintained by both churches.

This week's Citizen features a list of Bethel's taxpayers, over \$100, and second in the series of family histories in early Upton. Included also is the 28 page Oxford County Review which is well worth keeping.

Mrs. Richard Blake, Jr., entertained at a March of Dimes benefit card party at her home on Monday evening. Present were: Mrs. Robert Groteau, Mrs. Eldon Greenleaf, Mrs. Clarence Howe, Mrs. Michael Houlihan, Mrs. Henry Swan, Mrs. Robert Tiffet, and the hostess.

Miss Margaret Nelson arrived home Wednesday for a few days' visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, at their home on Broad Street. Margaret is a member of the freshman class at Nasson College, Bruce Frazer of Nasson College and Syracuse, N. Y., is also a guest at the Nelson home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tebbets, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. Addison C. Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wright attended the winter meeting of the Wood Turners Service Bureau in Boston on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Attorney Gordon M. Stewart, South Paris, is appointed chairman of the South Paris-Norway \$10,000,000 Bowdoin College Capital Campaign. The campaign is designed for the enrichment of the college to strengthen its role as one of the nation's leading liberal arts institutions.

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BETHEL MARCH OF DIMES THIS THURSDAY EVENING

The annual "Mothers' March" in Bethel will be held this evening. Completion of the list of marchers has been delayed because of illness in the large group. After the march is completed the ladies will report at the home of Clifford Hillier.

Upper Paradise, Mrs. Ethel Robertson; Lower Paradise, Mrs. Reona Heino; Eden Lane, Mrs. Marie Brown; Evergreen Rd., Mrs. Norman Buck; Broad St., Mrs. Amy Davis; Chapman St., Mrs. Gene Buswell; Grafton Area, Mrs. Lawrence Bailey; Elm-Summer Sts., Mrs. Vance Richardson; Vernon St., Mrs. William Cousins; Mrs. John Currier; Northwest Bethel, Mrs. Edith Smith; Mason-Crescent, Mrs. Arlene Hamilton; Park St., Mrs. Hope Tibbetts; Bridge St., Mrs. Barbara Godwin; Church St., Mrs. Jane Vogt; Steam Mill, Mrs. Mary Dnoen, Mrs. Connie Brown; Gilead, Mrs. Phyllis Barnes; Railroad St., Mrs. Barbara Brown; Mechanic St., Mrs. Marilyn Newell; Clark St., Mrs. Virginia Cole; Philbrook St., Mrs. Madeline Hunt.

Following the dinner, there

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BADC Plans Fifth Annual Meeting

As announced last week in the Citizen, the Bethel Area Development Corporation will hold its Fifth Annual Meeting at the West Parish Congregational Church on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The ladies of the church will serve a banquet at 6:30 p. m. under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Gorman.

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of these men have a wide background in the field of governmental cooperation with private enterprise for economic improvement.

At the business meeting, the BADC members will elect five Directors to fill vacancies that occur on the fifteen-member Board this year. The Nominating Committee is composed of Kimball Ames, Cheladan, Howard W. Cole and Dexter M. Stowell. Immediately following the general meeting, the entire Board of Directors will meet to elect the officers for the coming year and to appoint the Standing Committees.

Everyone in the Bethel Area

is invited to attend both the Banquet and the Annual Meeting.

Reservations should be

made on or before Feb. 7 with Guy P. Butler, BADC Secretary. Just phone 824-2175.

Civil Defense Committee Plans Year

Several important items regarding financial requirements for the coming year were brought up at the recent regular meeting of the Bethel Civil Defense staff, held in the basement of Director Steve Jacobs.

Before taking up the most

important items, Director Jacobs gave the committee members a Program Paper and a sheet with information regarding a few changes in the Operations Plan for Bethel. Included in the latter were changes in the staff list which place Nor-

ris Brown as Operations Officer, Eugene Buswell as Chief of Reserve Police and William Cousins as Medical Adminis-

trator, while Lawrence Kendall replaces Bert Grover in the Oxford County Sheriff's department. It was also noted that "Reserve Police" is now the correct term for this group rather than "CD Police."

After some discussion, in which Fire Chief "Mush" McMillin acknowledged a need for such equipment, it was voted to place an article in the Town Warrant for the sum of \$3000 to purchase walkie-talkie radios and mobile unit receivers and transmitters for fire department use. These both have proved invaluable in times of fire, flood, or such emergency conditions as recently existed in Bangor; the tie-up of the fire department in Bethel with the Civil Defense needs should be obvious to all Bethel citizens; although the initial expense may seem rather large, its upkeep is next to nothing, while its value in cases of emergency can not be quoted in dollars. Gene Buswell mentioned that the town of Norway was well pleased with similar equipment.

Between the halves "Joe"

Roderick is planning to have a few of his boys work out on the trampoline and another

group tumbling.

The probable starting line-up

for the "Townies" will be Ron-

nice Kendall and Doug Rice at

the guard positions with Drew

Webster and Bill Cousins in

the front court. Gould Coach

Phil Taylor will start as center.

Others who will see action

are Al Charest, Dick Little-

field, Gerald Bradon, Larry

Davis, Russell Carson, and Al

Bart.

For this special event, the entire gate given to the "March of Dimes," the admission charges will be for all school

students—Two Dimes; and for

adults—Five Dimes. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

Several companies have ex-

pressed interest in placing

equipment in Bethel. Demo-

nstrations by such companies

will undoubtedly follow if the

sentiment expressed at the

coming Town Meeting is favor-

able.

It was also voted to ask for

the regular \$200 appropriation

as was granted last year, and

for an additional \$200 for an

emergency fund to be used at

the discretion of the Town Manager.

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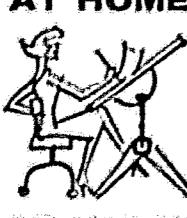
cars, trucks and tractors. In

1962 Bethel Taxes in Excess of \$100.00

Following is a list of Bethel taxpayers whose town taxes amounted to \$100 or more. Abatements have been granted from some of these figures. Veterans and survivors' tax benefits do not appear on this list. In the town, property valued at \$110,690 in these categories, belonging to some 30 owners, was free of taxation.

Abbott, Mary L.	\$223.42
Abbott, J. Burton & Dorothy	167.60
Abbott, Stephen & Mabel	224.22
Ames, Kimball	282.37
Ames, Ruth Carver	654.26
Anderson, Aksel & Mabel	272.47
Angenvine, Alberta	122.28
Angenvine, Avery & Mary	460.08
Angenvine, Ernest	128.80
Annis, Roland E. Jr. & Louise R.	156.45
Austin, Ava	392.95
Bailey, Bruce	210.32
Baker, Alphonse	144.44
Baker, Wilfred	581.89
Barker, Alice M.	312.26
Bartlett, Gertrude	140.53
Bartlett, Grace	305.87
Bartlett, Guy & Rose E.	170.82
Bartlett, Harold	145.17
Bartlett, James C., Heirs	219.00
Bartlett, Urban C.	597.40
Bean, Carter Lary, et al	481.07
Bean, Erlon S. & Mary C.	141.70
Bean, Harold L. & Edith M.	245.73
Bean, Maude	209.32
Bean, Richard & Dorothy	201.26
Bean, Robert F.	102.07
Bennett, Clarence, Heirs	516.48
Bennett, Donald A. & Joyce M.	162.22
Bennett, Edward E.	235.43
Bennett, Elmer	228.04
Bennett, Frances	302.22
Bennett's Garage, Inc.	1610.45
Bennett, Evelyn	713.76
Bennett, Herman	216.89
Bennett, Kathleen	268.10
Bennett, Lynn K.	107.70
Bennett, R. M., Heirs	271.56
Bennoch, Wesley S. & Sallee L.	182.77
Benson, Frank	275.11
Berry, Francis	212.24
Berry, Helen	115.71
Bethel Dowel Corp.	372.67
Bethel Inn	736.60
Bethel Savings Bank	1309.26
Bleckford, Wm. G. & Sally E.	165.61
Billings, Marjorie	101.29
Billings, Robert E. & Mary S.	129.21
Billings, Robert	569.20
Blabec, Ethel	109.87
Blake, Clayton & Linona H.	140.61
Blake, Elizabeth	367.55
Blanchard, Philip H.	
Chadbourne, P. H. & Co.	
Chadbourne, Mary S.	
Chadbourne, Phillip H. & Mary S.	
Chapman, J. B.	
Chapman, Rosalind	
Chapman, Wan. II	
Chapman, W. R., Estate	
Chase, Everett E. & Doris	
Chase, Geo. H. & Ruth	
Chase, Geo. H. S. & Helen E.	
Citizen Printers Inc.	
Clark, Marguerite	
Clemmons, Robert G. & Patricia	
Clough, Emerson	
Clough, Millard F.	
Cobb, James P. & Mary E.	
Coburn, Jenille	
Cohorn, Grace	
Cole, Howard & Virginia	
Cole, Lewis & Minola	
Conner's Garage	
Conner, Merton & Ruth	
Conrad, Beatrice B.	
Conroy, Sylvia	
Coolidge, Almon	
Coolidge, Elton R.	
Coolidge, Joan S.	
Coolidge, Leland	
Coolidge, Lester Jr.	
Cotton, Albert	
Coulombe, Ralph & Veronica	
Crockett, Clayton	
Crockett, Ethel M.	
Cross, Donald & Ann	
Cross, Gladys	
Cross, Norton L. & Phyllis	
Cross, Stuart	
Crouse, Earlyn & Alta	
Cummings, Arthur J.	
Cummings, Irving A.	
Currier, John H. & Gwendolyn G.	
Curtis, Alfred E.	
Davis, Earl & Eila	
Davis, L. E. Lumber Co.	
Davis, Richard & Rita	
Davis, Richard L.	
Davis, Robert & Pauline	
Davis, Stanley	
Davis, Stanley & Margaret	
Davis, Winona	
Deegan, John & Mary	
Desroches, Phillip	
Dock, Phyllis	
Donahue, E. O. & Hillda	
Douglas, Fred L.	
Dunn, Willis E., Heirs	
Durell, Mrs. Daniel T.	
Dyke, Sidney A.	
Eamer, Rodney & Kathryn	
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Jackson, Dana & Mildred	108.76	Morrill, Myron E.	195.35	Ramage, Kenneth H. &	463.55
Jacobs, Stephen & Isabel A.	222.56	Mundt, Ernest A.	204.66	Sarah B.	283.97
Jenkins, Clinton & M. Jean	257.56	Murphy, R. Glenn & Ersel	240.43	Ramsell, Katherine	212.61
Jodrey, Arlan	169.80	Myers, Wilbur R. &	522.22	Reed, Charles & Cecill	159.22
Jodrey, Walter & Norma	226.58	Pauline B.	100.45	Reed, Walter J.	110.31
Jodrey, Norma	200.75	Newton, Burton L.	104.54	Rice, Guy	110.31
Johnson, Gladys	226.48	Newton & Tebbets, Inc.	2194.47	Richardson, Mary, &	160.38
Johnson, James J.	105.12	Nutting, Harold & Annie	268.64	Moore, Stanwood C.	136.77
Jordan, Elmon & Ellen C.	235.79	Olson, George & Barbara	310.25	Ring, Keith	1036.14
Kalleay, Paul & Jean	241.89	Olson, Harry	187.90	Roberts, Stanley	219.00
Kendall, Clayton E.	149.54	Nichols, Marie	267.91	Robertson, Edward &	255.31
Kendall, Dowel Mill, Inc.	157.69	Noble, Alanson B.	237.69	Edith K.	359.79
Kendall, Lawrence & Mary	189.25	Noyes, Leslie & Bernice	283.15	Robertson, Henry T.	184.95
Kendall, Maurice L.	203.85	Nutting, Harold & Annie	219.19	Roche, Bernard S.	107.02
Kendall, Maurice L. &	256.89	Olson, George & Barbara	289.89	Roche, Harold & Monique	202.66
Kebecce,	256.89	Olson, Jorgen	482.97	Roche, Ruby D. &	219.00
Kendall, Ronald &	241.54	Olson, Jorgen	250.10	Clarence E.	121.26
Marguerite	237.51	Onofrio, Angelo	121.26	Rouse, Herbert &	309.52
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Kenneth, Thomas & Geraldine	143.35	Ferry, Jesse M. &	192.90	Luxton, Viola	142.03
Kenneth, Thomas & Geraldine	143.35	Florence E.	130.02	Saunders, Addison W.	276.31
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Comment from the Capital —

19 ZNAMENSKY STREET

by Van Noff

Russian Communism is 45 years old. Despite the Red record of double dealing and murder in less than half a century, some of our more fuzzi-minded citizens still believe Russia wants peace. It is this single belief that is the Kremlin's most powerful ally in the fight to turn the world Red.

What our long-hair idealists don't know about Russia and peace could bring all of us into the Communist camp. Russians consider peace and pacifism a sign of soft-headedness. There are no pacifists in Russia. Outside Red borders, however, Kremlin agents concentrate on infiltrating and controlling unions, communications, and peace movements. Red agents underline the horrors of nuclear war, then offer Communism as an insurance policy for everlasting peace.

Many of our best citizens who are not pacifists but sober-realists believe half-truths about Russia that the Kremlin has no intention of correcting. It is true that Russian agriculture can barely feed the population. It is true that we produce more steel, more crude oil, more electric power, more cement. However, if we believe that these factors bother the Kremlin in their Communist drive, we are badly mistaken. Their main interest is world power, centralized in the Kremlin, and they are dedicated to this.

Abundance is always coming to the masses in Russia, someday. If there is criticism about the lack of material things, the Kremlin always can point with pride to the record of the Red Cosmonauts. Which would you rather have — a coffee maker or the world record for orbits around the earth? People in this country tend

to kid about Russian spies and hellite Red espionage. Just recently, we caught two Soviet spies operating within the United Nations. In retaliation, the Russians expelled Commander Raymond D. Smith, our assistant attaché in Moscow.

There was a great hue and cry about Commander Smith in Russia. He was merely doing his job, collecting facts about Russia he couldn't help noticing. The Russians we caught were busily buying defense secrets from an American sailor.

Perhaps we ought to take

the scoffers at Red espionage



to 19 Znamensky Street in Moscow. This is an old Russian palace housing Soviet spy headquarters. Behind its barred windows and doors, there is a complete Soviet spy apparatus responsible for the collection of information from every nation in the world. The American section takes up almost 50% of the Red spy system. Here is where the Red spies we caught in the United Nations first got their instructions.

Chief among the Red spy networks is the Kremlin's own, the Confidential Administration of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

People in this country tend

This organization seeks to penetrate America's top circles of decision — The White House and State Department. The information they want: What will we do, what are we capable of doing, in any given situation? Have we the will and courage to use our strength?

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Airman Freeman was trained to inspect, operate, maintain and repair the air-to-air defense missile systems on USAF combat aircraft. He is being reassigned to George AFB, Calif., for duty in his new specialty.

The airman, who entered the service in November 1962, attended Northeastern University, Boston.

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Christ declared to the multitude, "You are the salt of the earth." This question was put to a young people's group: "What are some of the things that salt does?" "It seasons," "It preserves." Other answers are offered — a pause — then, "It makes you thirsty." Does our living cause others to "thirst" for God?

(Quotation from Jesus, Matthew 5:13)



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TODAY'S Meditation

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Thursday, January 31

Read John 14:1-7

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (John 15:4).

One day we started out in our automobile to attend a wedding in a small town sixty miles away. We eagerly anticipated a happy reunion with relatives and friends. But we never reached our destination because of a loose part which prevented the gasoline from reaching the engine.

Disappointments in life result when our connection with Christ is lost. We find ourselves facing life's problems alone.

None of us is capable of handling his own life. With those of us who ask His help, Christ stands ready to share

His abundant grace and power. "Abide in me" are the words of Christ. It is left to us to lay hold of the strength that can be ours in Him. We can do this through daily fellowship with Christ and regular worship in God's house.

PRAYER: Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we can depend on Thee to guide us through life. Help us today to live in such close fellowship with Thee that our lives may show forth Thy love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven... Amen."

Thought For The Day

When we worship God, He gives us the strength we need to be victorious over life's difficulties.

—Edythe Draper (Saskatchewan)

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CHURCH NEWS

Bethel Methodist Church

Richard M. Hamilton, Pastor

Friday, Feb. 1:

7:00 p. m. Commission Meetings

8:00 p. m. Monthly Meeting of the Official Board.

Sunday, Feb. 3:

9:45 a. m. Church School.

11:00 a. m. Family Worship Hour and Nursery.

The service will be conducted by the Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship.

6:30 p. m. Junior and Senior MYF Meetings.

Monday, Feb. 4:

3:00 p. m. Junior Choir Rehearsal in the Church Annex.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

2:00 p. m. Afternoon Circle meeting at the home of Mrs. Marsh Webster and Miss Mina Stevens.

7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

8:00 p. m. Evening Circle meeting at the Parsonage.

West Parish Congregational Church

Clifford W. Laws, Minister

Sunday, Feb. 3:

11:00 a. m. Family Worship Service.

Church Nursery, 11:00.

Church School, 9:30.

Pilgrim Fellowship, 6:30.

As a convenience for any who would like to attend a Church Worship Service before going away for the day, and find the 11:00 A. M. hour too late, you are invited to the brief worship service that is held for the Church School at 9:30.

This service will be available beginning Sunday, Feb. 3.

Wednesday, Feb. 6:

Regular rehearsal of the Choir.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

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MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE
Week ending 1-30-63:

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Central Alleys	0	0	1618
Lions	6	2	1620
Walkers Mills	2	6	1593
Barber Shop	2	6	1593
Davis Mill	8	0	1591
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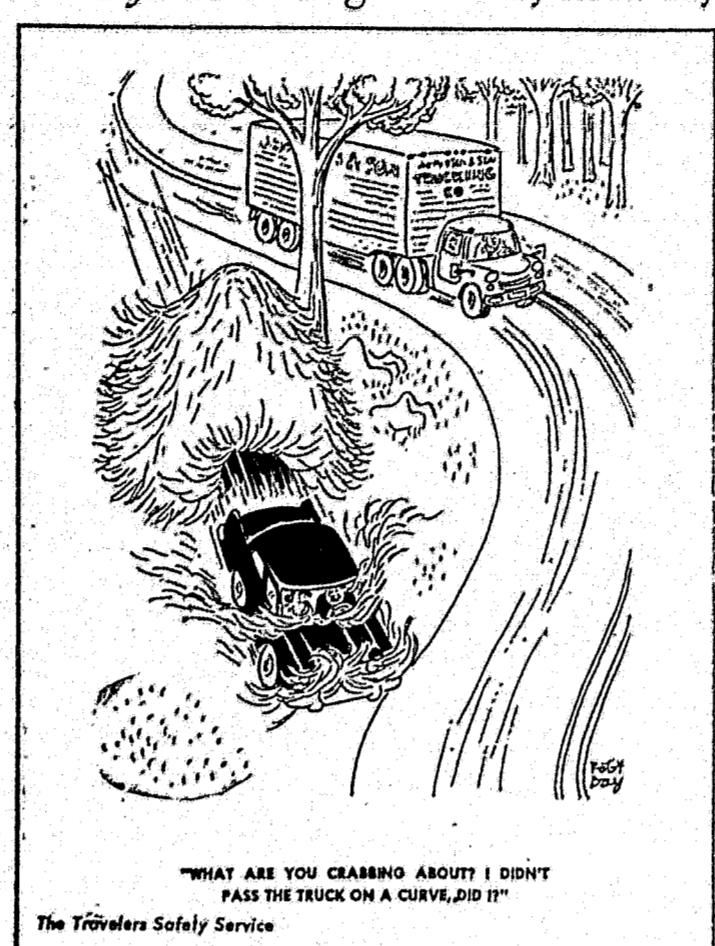


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LAMSON - SOTMAN ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lamson of Rumford Point are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carol A. Lamson of Sherwood St., Portland, to Midshipman John B. Sotman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sotman of Rumford. A June wedding is planned.

Both are graduates of Stephens High School, Rumford.

Miss Lamson is employed by the Associated Hospital Service of Maine and is attending the Golden School of Beauty Culture in Portland.

Midshipman Sotman attended the University of Maine and will be graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in June.

son from TV.

Mrs. Burgess' fifth grade was writing business letters. The children in Mrs. Hastings' fifth grade were summarizing their study of the Middle Atlantic States. Mrs. Ring's class was doing multiplication and division.

The children in Miss Varner's sixth grade were reading about "Cultured Pearls" and the Statue of Liberty in the Weekly Reader. Mrs. Doris Lord's sixth grade was studying about Mexico. They were studying the imports and exports. Mr. Hammond had the seventh grade boys working on the mats to the music of Chickin Fat. This was their Physical Education period. Mrs. E. Lord was teaching physical development to the seventh grade girls in Health. Mrs. Gunther was listening to oral reports of timely topics of current interest from her 8th grade English class. Mr. Bradon's 8th grade was studying ratios and proportions in Math.

A peek into the kitchen found the cooks preparing beans for next day.

The library finds Mrs. Epperson and five beginning clarinetists playing low A, G, and F!

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WEST GREENWOOD — SONGO POND

Birthday celebrations were held Monday and Tuesday in honor of Dennis and Terry Wilson.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Malvern Wilson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Buck, Mrs. Dennis Wilson and Douglass, and the guests of honor, Dennis and Terry Wilson.

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Jan. 24:

Hanover Dowel, 1408, vs. Flying A Girls, 1397. High single, 99, Martha Sweet. High three was a tie, 250, Martha Sweet and Judy Saunders. High single, 96, Mary Dooen. High three, 263, Mary Dooen.

Central Alleys, 1388, vs. Twisters, 1408. High single, 90, Mona Lowe. High three, 258, Norma Jodrey. High single, 100, Pat Hart. High three, 276, Pat Hart.

at Leonard Kimball's Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Deegan and her mother, Mrs. Gayden Davis, were callers at Alden Wilson's one day this week.

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HANOVER

— Marjorie Cummings, Cor. —
The town books close this week as of Jan. 31st.

About a foot of snow fell in town over the week end, which with high winds caused bad drifting in places. Robert Brown is doing a fine job keeping our town roads open.

Edmund Jean has returned home from Rumford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Marion Richardson is reported as gaining at Rumford Community Hospital and able to sit up for a short time.

Miss Deborah Goddard and Miss Constance Ellingswood are taking piano lessons with Mrs. Luna Watson in Virginia.

Mrs. Hazel Ferguson substituted as teacher Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haggert have moved into one of the Linnell apartments.

John Forbes is enjoying a bombardier ski-doo which he recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Savage and family have moved into the downtown apartment of Edmund Jean.

Mrs. Helen Stearns was guest of honor at a family birthday dinner at her home Thursday Jan. 24. Those present besides the guest of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stearns, Rebecca and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gross, Michael, Brian, Dennis and William, Burt Damon and Bessie and Brenda Stearns. Mrs. Stearns was the recipient of many cards and gifts.

Miss Sallie Kinne returned to her studies at Gould Academy Monday after a week's illness.

James Grey was at his home in town over the week end.

Miss Alice Penney received her cap last Friday at the Maine School of Practical Nursing in Waterville and is at her home in town for a week's vacation. On her return she will continue her training at Thayer Hospital.

Several minor accidents have been reported due to icy roads.

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are requested to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately:

Ray Palmer Burke, late of Bethel, deceased; Patricia Mavourneen Clemons of Bethel, Executrix without bond, January 2, 1963.

Bessie E. Soule, late of Bethel, deceased; Mary C. Stanley of Bethel, Administrator with bond, December 18, 1962.

Grace B. Thompson of Bethel, an adult person; Ronald D. Heckner of Kearny, New Jersey, Guardian with bond, Agent in Maine — Frank W. Linnell of Auburn, December 4, 1962.

Darla Corriveau, late of Gildead, deceased; Octavia Corriveau of Gildead, Executrix without bond, January 21, 1963.

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Andover-East Andover

Mrs. Violet Swain, Corres.

Mrs. Harl Averill has returned to her home after being a patient at the CMG Hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hall and son, Guy, have moved their trailer from Limestone to East Andover where they will now reside. Hall was discharged from the air force after four years of service.

Nineteen members of the Arts and Crafts gathered at their room on Main Street for their annual meeting on Jan. 21. Officers were elected. President, William French; Vice President, Harold Hodson; Secretary, Gertrude Percival, and Treasurer, Ann Fox. Adult art classes were scheduled to begin on Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. with William French, instructor. Mrs. Stillman will instruct a class of Junior members at her home on a date to be announced. Anyone interested in stenciling on tin or wood is asked to contact Gertrude Percival. Katherine Luce, Rumford Point, will instruct this class.

A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Richardson at East Andover on Jan. 22. Attending were Muriel Farrington, Eldora Jones, Violet Swain, Jeanette Cheney, Barbara G. Meisner, Virginia Hiltz, and the hostess, all members of the Community Club. On Wednesday of last week the quilt was delivered to Mary Serafin who was burned out the week before.

The Pineland Ski Club membership drive is on, the carnival is scheduled for March 9-10 and meetings will be held each Monday evening until then. A

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinabove named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, from day to day from the fifteenth day of said January. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinbefore indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the nineteenth day of February A. D. 1963, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Bertha S. Andrews, late of Albany, deceased; First and Final Account and Petition for Order to Distribute the balance remaining in his hands presented by Henry H. Hastings, Administrator.

Paynor D. Littlefield, late of Greenwood, deceased; Will and Petition for Probate thereof and the appointment of Edith L. Littlefield as Executrix of the same, without giving bond as expressed in said Will, presented by said Edith L. Littlefield, the Executrix thereto named.

Carrie M. Wight, late of Newry, deceased; Will and Petition for Probate thereof and the appointment of Fred W. Wight as Executor of the same, to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Fred W. Wight, the Executor thereto named.

Witness, Robert T. Smith Judge of said Court at Paris this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

J-S PAUL L. NEVENS, Register

Hill Committee consisting of Robert, Raymond, and Phillip Broomhall, David Bodwell, and Clarence Remington was appointed at the last meeting. Jim Bodwell will try, with the help of parents, to organize a Junior program.

Mrs. Robert B. Swain, chairman of the March of Dimes of Andover, and Mrs. William Simmons Jr. attended the coffee benefit at the Blaine House in Augusta on Jan. 24, guests of Mrs. John Reed.

Mrs. Archer Poor Jr. and Mrs. George Meissner will be co-chairmen for the February Heart Drive.

Raymond Hutchins was rushed to the Community Hospital on Jan. 23. He is a freshman at AHS.

Mrs. Paul Nevel was a patient at the Rumford Community Hospital last week.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

— Mrs. C. James Knights —
Mrs. Peter Rosenberg and family entertained relatives from Rumford Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Cole was sick several days recently.

Mrs. Curt Martin is working part time in the office at Franklin Shoe Co., Norway. Mrs. Robert Davis is caring for the baby days.

Miss Lorraine Cole S. N. from CMG Hospital, Lewiston, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole.

Edwin Ricker underwent surgery at the Rumford Hospital last week.

Clyde Knights was at Lewiston last Friday to Dr. Lebel's and had some more teeth extracted.

Mrs. Peter Rosenberg and Mrs. Eugene Bellegrave attended a Stanley Party at Mrs. Roger Stratton's on Monday evening.

Mrs. Gladys Rollins of Phillipsburg returned to her home Saturday afternoon after caring for Mrs. George Abbott for two weeks.

Mrs. George Abbott was taken in ambulance to the Chapel Valley Nursing Home at West Paris, Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

— Vicki Wing.

The bus driver, Taisto Koskelo, took the pupils to the school house after the greater part of them had shots at the center school.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the cards, letters and flowers I received while I was in the Stephens Memorial Hospital. Also thanks to the wonderful personnel, Dr. Hibbert and Dr. Akeberg, for the splendid care they gave me. God bless you all,

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. David Foster, Corres.

Miss Dorothy Bartlett of Boston was a week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett.

Clayton Bartlett of Kennebunk and David Perry of Kennebunkport called on Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bartlett Sunday while they were here skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oiva Whitman and children of South Paris were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis.

Stanley Howe was home over the week end from his studies at Gorham State Teachers' College.

Phillip DesRoches is able to sit up in a chair for two hours

a day, and is still improving.

Miss Charlotte Crockett, Fluffy and Toughy, of Mechanic Falls were week end guests of Miss Josephine Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns and children, Danny and Linda, of Rumford Corner called on Mr. and Mrs. David Foster, Saturday.

There will be a meeting of Alder River Grange No. 145 on Feb. 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe.

Pfc. Carlton Tyler of Fort Devens and Miss Gloria Priest of Buckfield were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tyler.

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Roxie Inman, Correspondent

Rev. Earle Dolphin, Brunswick, formerly of West Paris, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perham, Mrs. Walter Inman and others, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elva Hazelton has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her son-in-law and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hayes and family.

Mrs. Eve Waterhouse, Salem, Mass., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer Jr. were in Boston last week. Mrs. Bessie Ross visited Mrs. Mary West, South Paris, Sunday.

Boy Scout Troop No. 132 attended the Abnaki District Winter Carnival Saturday at Norway. Assistant Scout Masters Milton Inman and Lorin Strout, and Institutional Representative Vernon Inman accompanied them. Mrs. Bette Marshall, R. N., served as volunteer nurse in the first aid car.

Cub Scouts, Den One, met with Den Mother, Mrs. Lucy Ridley, Saturday afternoon. Door stops were made and the Den yell learned. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Cub Scouts, Den Two, held their weekly meeting Saturday with Den Mother, Mrs. Doris Waterhouse.

Mrs. Doris Slattery entertained the Past Noble Grands at a 6:30 supper at her home Friday evening. Attending were Miriam Inman, Evelyn Abbott, Lisbeth Penley, Elva Ring, Hazel Perham, Lempi Cvr, Lettie Brooks, Mary Hibler, and Mrs. Myrtle Richardson.

Thomas Wilsey night was observed at the IOOF meeting on Wednesday evening.

A fire of undetermined origin gutted the home of Mrs. Evelyn Abbott on Greenwood Street, Jan. 22. Mrs. Abbott, her son,



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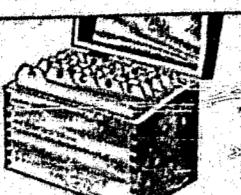
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10 YEARS AGO

A temporary bridge span between Mexico and Lincoln Ave., Rumford, was wrecked and washed away when ice piled up.

A report by a Bethel school survey committee showed enrollment still growing and crowded rooms expected again in 1964.

The winter so far was marked by frequent snowfalls, rain and fog, but little cold weather.

20 YEARS AGO

At a meeting in William Bingham Gymnasium, representatives of the First Fighter Command spoke on the importance and organization of warning service observation posts.

Constance Sawyer, Gould

Academy senior, was one of 40 students in the United States winning a trip to attend the Science Talent Institute in Washington, D.C.

Death: Leon G. Widber.

30 YEARS AGO

Miss Barbara Herrick entered nurses training at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.

Bennett's Garage, West Bethel, was burned with all contents.

Death: John Gill.

50 YEARS AGO

H. O. Reid was station agent at West Bethel.

Deaths: Henry W. Poor, Joseph T. Chapman, Mrs. Cora D. Survey.

NOMINATIONS WANTED

FOR MISS OXFORD COUNTY

Bethel Jaycee Wives, who are handling the entries committee for the Bethel Jaycees' Miss Oxford County Scholarship Pageant, remind all Oxford County citizens that there are only two weeks left to nominate their potential candidates.

Somewhere in Oxford County is the new Miss Oxford County of 1963; and the Bethel Jaycee Wives are searching for her, and want to help her to the greatest heights of the Miss America Pageant competition.

The bride was attended by Mrs. John Enman, Jr., of Phillips, sister-in-law of the groom, as matron of honor.

John Enman, Jr., brother of the groom, was best man.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Community Room in Canton.

The wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. John Enman Jr.

KNEELAND - YOUNG ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roland M. Kneeland of Bethel have made known the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Kneeland, to Douglas Kelsey Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Young of 856 Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., and Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Miss Kneeland was graduated from Gould Academy, Bethel, attended Vermont College, Montpelier, Vt., and is attending Silvermine College of Art in New Britain, Conn.

Mr. Young was graduated from Cornell University in 1962 where he received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He will receive his master's degree in business administration from Cornell University in June.

A June wedding is planned.

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ROBBINS - MCINNIS

Marriage vows were exchanged by Lucille McInnis, daughter of Mrs. Van Carreau of Norway and Raymond Robbins, son of Irnie Robbins of Bryant Pond and Annie Pelleter of Peru, at the home of Rev. Clifford Laws in Bethel at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newell of Locke Mills, daughter and son-in-law of the bride, attended the couple.

After the ceremony the couple returned to their new home located on Perham Road, Bryant Pond, and were tendered a late afternoon reception there. Mary Jane Newell presented the couple with an attractively decorated wedding cake and Mrs. Robbins' youngest daughter, Patricia, circulated the guest book.

Those in attendance included, Mrs. Van Carreau of Norway, mother of bride, Mrs. Annie Pelleter of Peru, mother of the bridegroom, Mrs. Anna Littlefield of Norway, the groom's 95-year-old grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newell of Locke Mills, Patricia McInnis, David Shultz of Norway, Mr. and Mrs. Irnie Robbins and Edward Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. John Pelleter Jr., of West Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strout and Pamela, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Noyes, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sherbourne York, Mr. and Mrs. Charles York and Linda Lee of North Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cushman of Lisbon, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Cushman of Lewiston, Tommy Sweetser of Bethel, George Blissen of Peru, and Jacob Herbert of Norway.

The couple received many beautiful gifts and money.

The bride attended Rumford schools and is employed by Francine Shoe Shop at Norway. The bridegroom attended Woodstock schools and is a veteran of World War II and is employed by C. S. Cushman.

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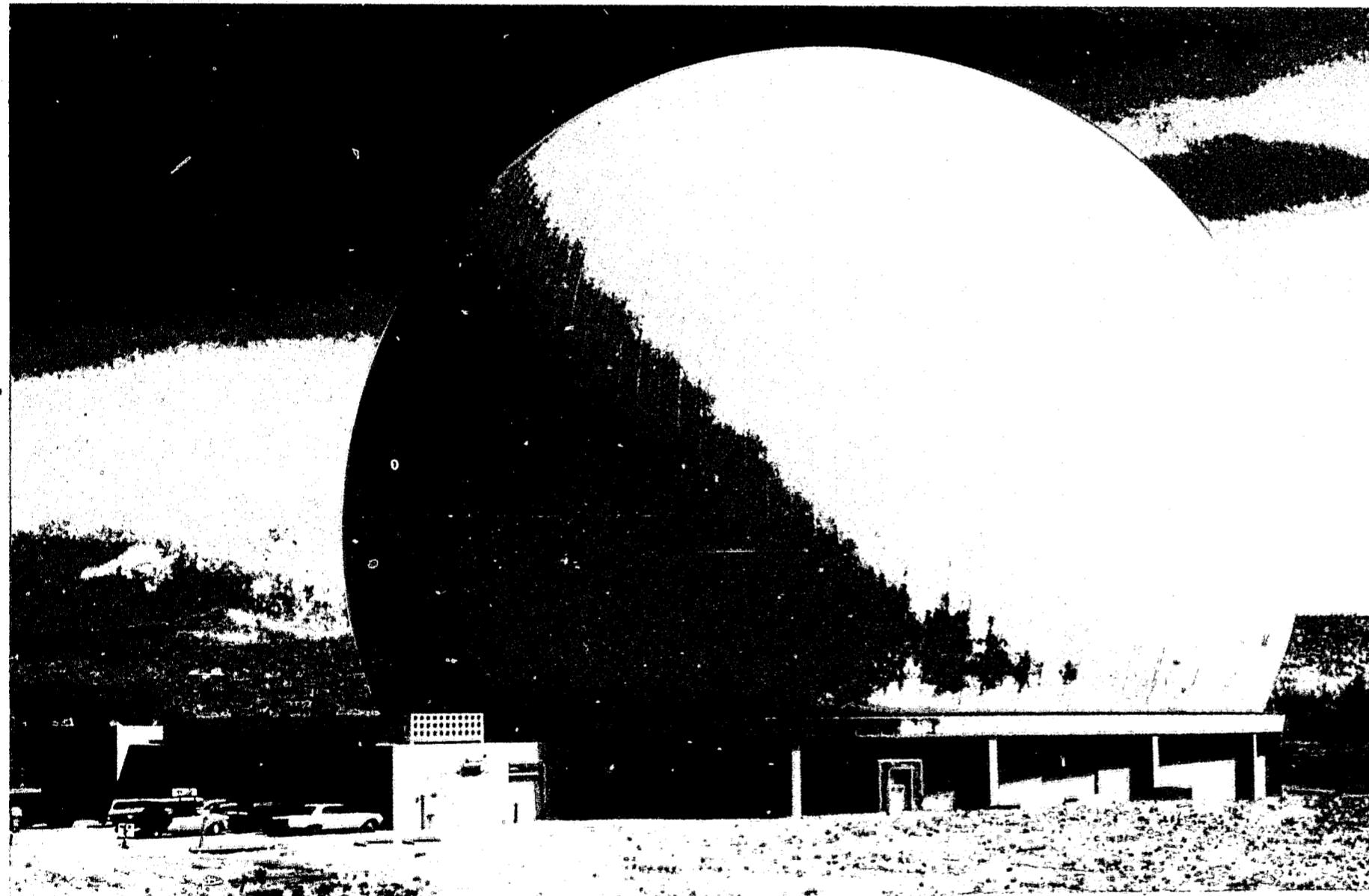
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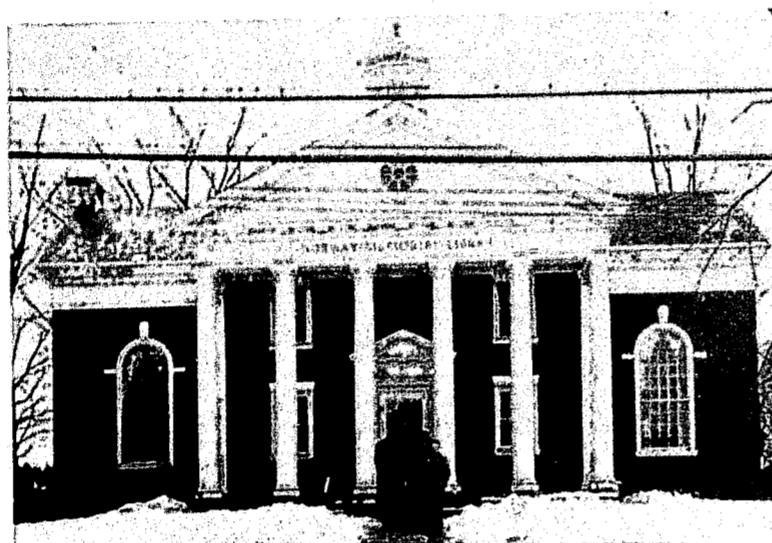
CLOSEUP VIEW OF RADOME at Bell System's earth station near Andover, Maine. Inflated structure provides cover for giant horn-antenna which serves as "ear" and "throat" for communications via satellite. Made of dacron impregnated with rubber, 20-ton radome soars to the height of an 18-story building and stretches 210 feet across.



Tourists flock to Oxford county for its scenic and historic appeal. Here is one of the few remaining covered bridges in Maine, the Lovejoy bridge over the Ellis River at South Andover. (Martin Photo)

One of Maine's most famous tourist attractions is the famous sign at Lynchville in Albany. All these foreign sounding names are those towns in Maine, most of them in Oxford county. "Wish I had a dollar for every time that signs' been photographed, remarked a passer-by. (Martin Photo)

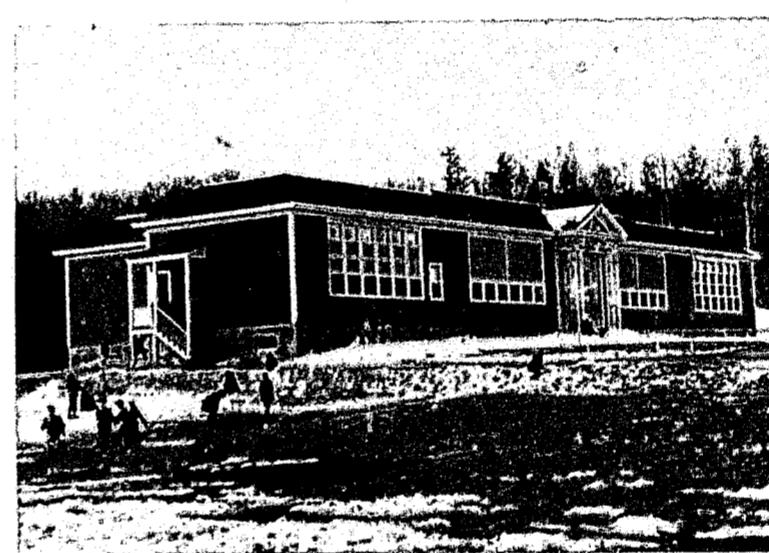
Educational Facilities In Oxford County The Finest Divide



The public library goes hand in hand with schools for the education of the country's youth. This is the Norway Memorial Library. Oxford Hills high school students were entering when photo was snapped. (Martin Photo)



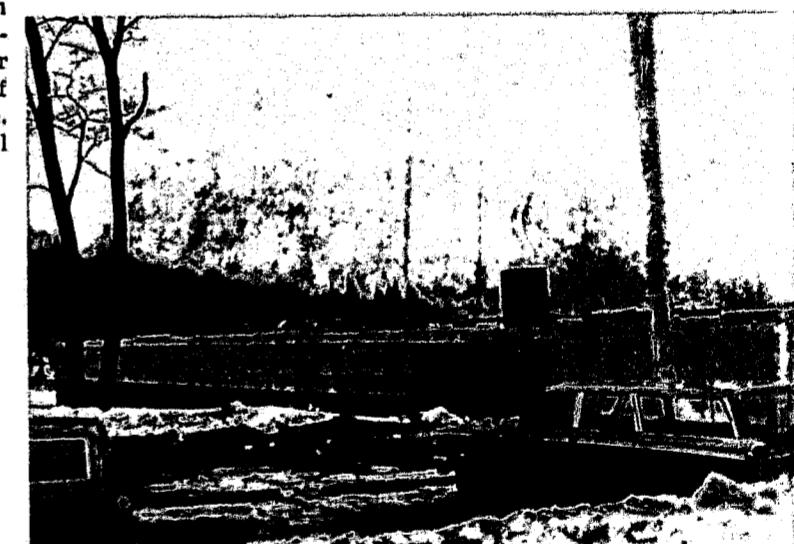
Gould Academy, established in 1836, is one of the premier educational institutions in Oxford county and Maine. It is situated on a beautiful campus in Bethel. This is Bingham Hall, the administration building. (Martin Photo)



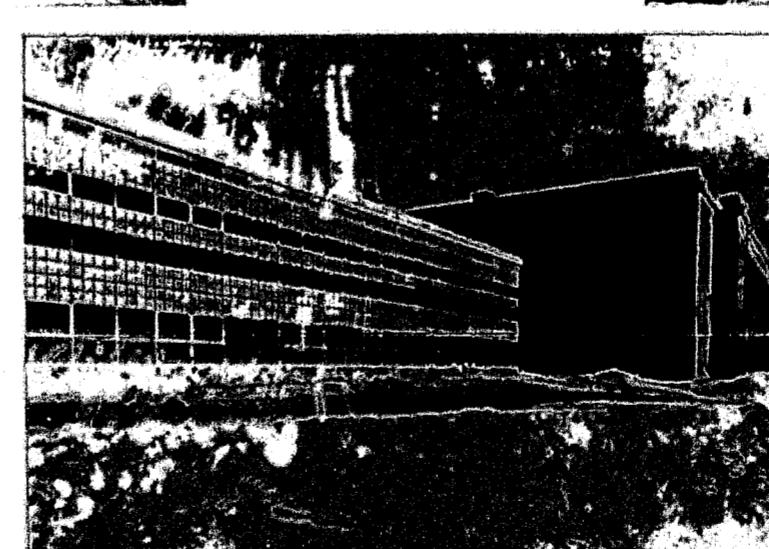
The old one room school house in rural areas in Oxford county has given way to the modern grammar school and improved methods of teaching such as visual education. This is the Memorial Grammar school at Waterford. (Martin Photo)



New building keeps abreast of improved teaching methods in Oxford county. This is an auditorium-gymnasium under construction at Gould Academy in Bethel. (Martin Photo)



One of the most modern of new school buildings in the county is the new Rumford Junior high school. Two sections have been built, another is still in the future. (Martin Photo)



Mexeo has recently built a new modern grammar school building nearly adjoining the high school. The western side of the new building is shown here with the high school in the background.



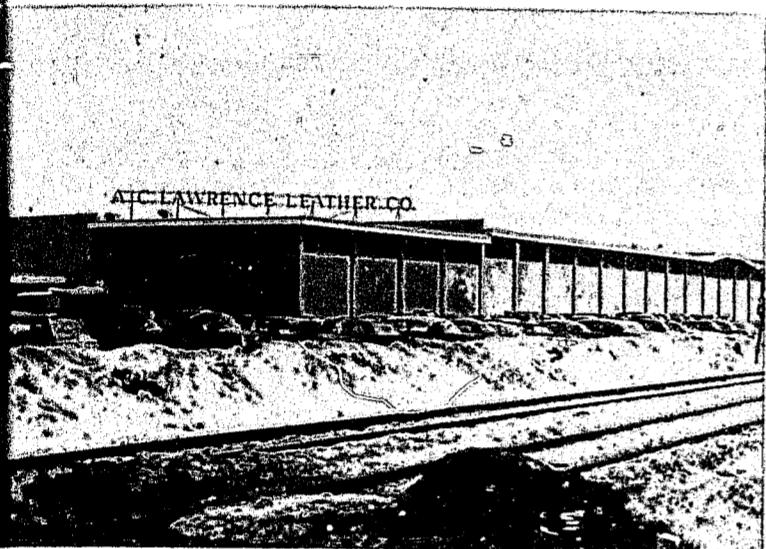
View of the South Paris unit of Oxford Hills high school, showing classrooms and big gymnasium. (Martin Photo)



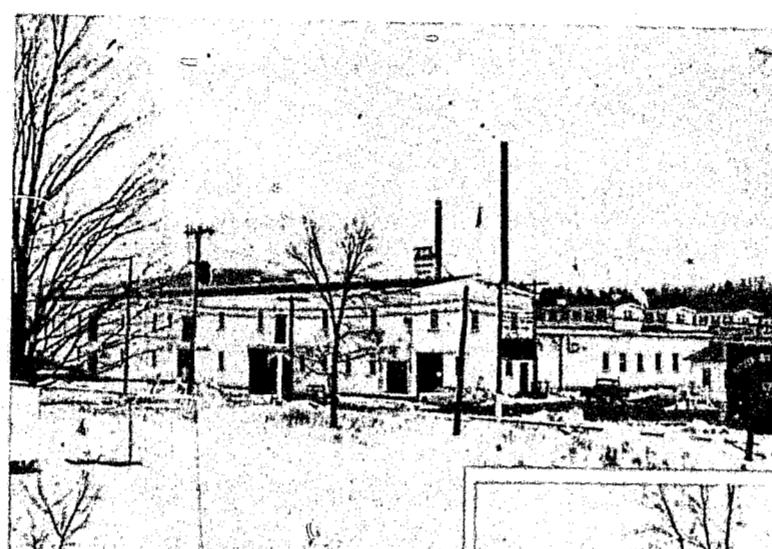
Stephens high school of Rumford is one of the larger high school buildings in the county. (Martin Photo)

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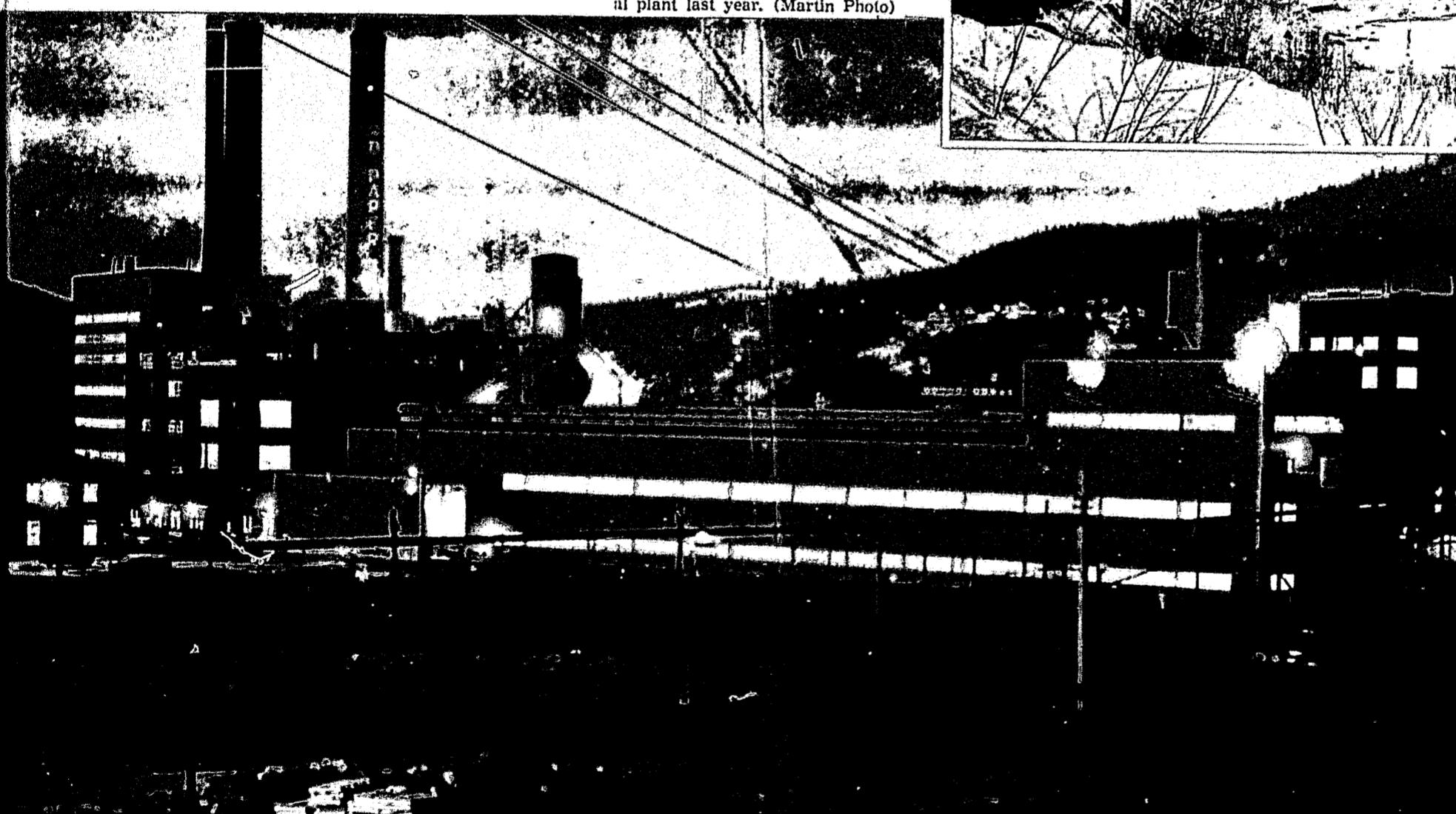
The labor climate and skills in Oxford county make it an ideal location for varied industrial enterprises. This is the modern plant of the A. C. Lawrence Leather company in South Paris. (Martin Photo)



The rich soil of the Oxford county intervals produces high quality corn, beans and other grains and vegetables. The canning industry is, naturally, a thriving one in the county. This is the Burnham and Morrill plant at South Paris. (Martin Photo)



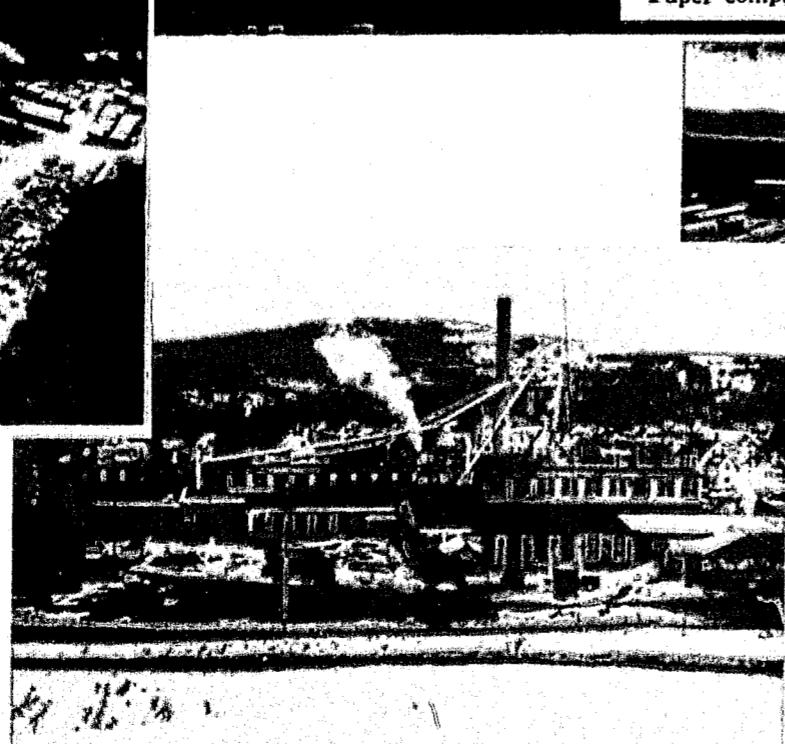
The vast forest resources of Oxford county produce not only pulp wood but large quantities of saw logs and lumber of top grade. Here is the T. L. Dickson Lumber company, Rumford, rebuilt following a fire which destroyed the original plant last year. (Martin Photo)



Rumford's big Oxford Paper company plant has undergone a tremendous change in the years since the war, as a result of the company's dynamic expansion program. Here, photographed at dusk, is the southerly side of the plant showing at left the chemical recovery building and in the foreground the new lime kiln building. (Oxford Paper company Photo by Lucas)



The plant of the Andover Wood Products company is one of the more recent additions to the economy of the community. It manufactures dimension panels for use in the manufacture of furniture. Owner is Royal Bolduc.



One of the oldest industries in the county is the manufacture of sleds, furniture and skis. This is part of the sprawling Paris Manufacturing company plant at South Paris. (Martin Photo)



The major industry in Dixfield is the Stowell-McGregor Division of Coats and Clark Inc., which manufactures wooden spools and wooden novelties. Shown here, with the plant in the background, are the long ranks of drying wood to be used at the plant. (Stowell-McGregor Photo)

Recreational Facilities for Young and Old



The ski shack at the Bethel Ski Area is shown here. Comfortable accommodations, plus the famous Maine Hospitality, are making Oxford County's ski slopes among the most popular in the East.



Wonderful winter weather with plenty of snow makes Oxford county a natural for winter sports, which thrive and are on the increase. Here are Allison, 16, and Brenda, 13, children of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hudson, Andover, with their team of huskies. (Martin Photo)



Mt. Abram Ski Area at Locke Mills, looking down the slope toward the lodge at the foot of the area. (Maine Development Commission Photo)



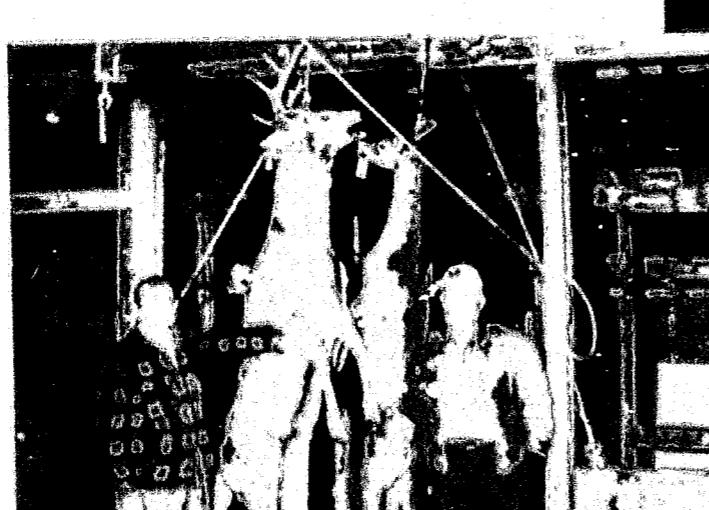
Spring fishing in Oxford county can be wonderful. This family took these brookies from Slab City Brook in Lovell. (Martin Photo)



Some hunters would rather get a bear than anything else. This lad shot this bruin out of a tree after it had been treed by dogs at the end of a chase in Mason county. (Martin Photo)



Visitors from all over the nation make famous Screw Auger Falls in Grafton Notch, Oxford County, one of their stopping points as they tour this scenic area in the foothills of the White Mountains. (Maine Development Commission Photo)



Oxford county provides some of the best deer hunting country in Maine. Look at these beauties hung up at Dawson's Sporting Goods Store in Mexico. (Martin Photo)



Bobcat hunting is a favorite winter sport in Oxford county. This bag of 11 cats was taken by a group of Dixfield hunters. (Martin Photo)

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A well-known quote regarding the ability to record his life is "History is but geography" and "History repeats itself". The latter quip is more accurate when one considers the writer's description of the town of Norway, Maine. Here are some: "It is...the natural centre for many things."

An enterprising, thriving

Norway is probably not

by any similar village

ever, there are some of 1886 which paint these: "There are no weekly, and the credit of business is little used schools are second to none. Independent Settlements like the adjoining town of Norway was settled in a violent way.

There was no proprietors of the territory now making up the town of Norway, and the settlers were of a different from different sections of the same town's first settlers. Towns started by proprie

tors were sought and elements as the first aim of the settlers was to increase of their property. This in townships being settled from the same Massachusetts, generally) same character and proprietors tried to establish a community that they might control.

One of the first settlers, men who cleared land, built homes, without or expecting any other than that of possession.

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Whitman Grant grants of land were often with little knowledge of location. John Whitman had a grant in 1735 that was to be within the town of New Hampshire and in 1770 he was given a grant in the Whitman grant, which he probably intended to sell and now within the town of New Hampshire.

After the Revolution, a grant to Arthur Lee of New Hampshire, who embraced the greater present town of Norway, Lee's land was sold to Edward Little, who sold land in parcels to the settlers. John Lee and Capt. Henry Lee owned a large tract,

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Thumbnail History Of Norway

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First Settlers

It is believed the first real settlers went to Norway in 1786, coming from Maine towns nearer the coast. Numerous families were contributed by Gray and Falmouth (now Westbrook).

The new settlement was called Rustfield and was so designated until the incorporation of the town in 1797. There were 500 inhabitants then. Job Eastman, Benjamin Witt and Joseph Stevens were the first selectmen.

A post office was established in 1798 with Wm. Reed the postmaster, a position he held for 40 years. In 1877 Norway became a presidential office, the first one in the country.

Mr. Eastman, the first selectman, was also town clerk; he was re-elected every year for 40 years. He died in 1845 at age 95.

First Frame House

In 1790 the first frame house was built by Samuel Ames on Pike's Hill. This same man conducted a grist mill for 45 years.

Benjamin Witt was the first blacksmith, coming to town in 1790.

The first shoemaker was Peter Burke who came to Norway in 1793.

Yes, the first marriage occurred on May 17, 1791, when Nathan Foster and Merian Hobbs became husband and wife. Joel Stevens, who wed a sister of Merian Hobbs, for his third wife, had the largest family ever reared in town, 19 young sisters.

Schools

One of the early schools was kept in 1789 in a recitation room in the house of Peter Everett and taught by Mrs. Everett. In 1793 Abigail Symonds taught school in a barn.

Religious Faiths

Norway has always been a leader among the Oxford County towns and has been the first to start business, political and religious innovations in several lines.

Notable for being the birthplace of universalism in Maine, Norway recalls John Stevens, who later founded the Kennebec Journal, and served the church as a preacher.

The Catholic Church was formerly over the line, on Paris territory, but was struck by lightning and moved into Norway and repaired. There are many churches of all faiths in the town today.

Industry

The town's early development of manufacturing industries in addition to retail business was in large measure responsible for its growth as a trading center for a large surrounding country and it still is a natural shopping hub.

In the olden days there were carding mills, cabinet and furniture manufacturing, carriage and sleigh-making, a paper mill and other shops where manufactured goods that have since passed from the scene were made in small quantities, suited to the demands of that day.

Started in 1847 the paper mill never gave employment to but three or four persons, but Dr. Danforth, proprietor, prided himself on the fine quality. The material used was rags.

Charles P. Kimball began making carriages and sleighs in 1847, employing 16 men. Soon he increased the force to 40 and, until the

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Credit To Writers Of Review Edition

Mrs. Elmire G. Kimball of Rumford Center has done a great deal of work on this Oxford County review edition, and has drawn on her natural flare for historical research and writing to delineate in attractive manner the early beginnings and the growth of the towns in her area.

In all she wrote 13 of the articles in these pages, including the following: the history of Peru and the history of Dixfield; the stories of the Hanover Dowel company, the Luce Oil company, and the Andover Wood Products company.

She wrote the article on rock-hounds in the county, the history of Upton with an assist from Charles Heywood of Bethel; the histories of Rumford, Rumford Center, Roxbury, Rumford Point.

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Paris Had Its Beginnings As A Grant To Veterans Of A Military Expedition To Canada

By Earle R. Clifford
Paris, the first and only "shire" town there has ever been in Oxford County, was incorporated in New Hampshire when the lines were run.

On June 20, 1793, it became the shire town of the county in 1805.

On Thursday, October 11, 1879 a 1771, when Captain Joshua Fuller

giant family reunion and centennial and others received a grant of town-observance of the founding of the ship in lieu of that loss. The new town was held on Paris Hill which, township was confirmed to them in

by the application of simple arithmetic.

The township granted was six and one-fourth miles square, while as such had its first beginning in the year 1779. Previous to that, the town is six by 12 miles in extent.

There is definite evidence to prove that there was a settlement of a sort which was known and referred to as Plantation Number Four.

The records of Number Four show

the payment of a certain sum, and

the records of Phipps, the receipt of an exact corresponding sum,

from which it is inferred that the

Phipps proprietors surveyed a town-

ship adjoining, and their interest

was to overhaul a pile of rubbish

that had collected in the corner of

the town house. While thus engaged

he picked up a page of manuscript

which he saw was an old record,

and further search and effort on

his part produced a volume which

when put together proved to be the original record book of the proprie-

tors of the plantation.

This may have been an inspira-

tion to him to make the effort to collect and compile the information

and data which stands as a monu-

ment to his name and memory to-

day in the History of the Town of

Paris.

Original Grant

In 1771 it appears that certain parties petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts for a grant of land as compensation for services in the Canada expedition of Sir William Phipps in 1690. The petition

was favorably acted upon, and a grant made in 1736. The original

grantees were Captain Samuel

Ja son and 59 others.

On March 5, 1739, King George II of England determined the boundary line between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire which had been in dispute. This decision cut off from Massachusetts

the line of townships between the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers

thus rendering the grants from the

General Court of Massachusetts null and void.

The grantees, therefore, had no

other recourse but to petition for

another grant in lieu of the grant

taken from them by the settlement

of the above - mentioned line.

Townships Granted

Nine townships were granted in 1736 to the officers and soldiers surviving the expedition sent against

Canada, which when surveyed and assigned were called Canada Town-

ships. Only two of them, however,

were located in Maine, viz: JAY,

called Phipps Canada and TURN-

ER, called Sylvester Canada. This

first grant is now the town of

Paris.

The first boy born in the town

was Joseph Daniels; the second, a

comfortable lodge and facilities

for ski instruction and their

popularity has increased with each

year.

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The Point Was Once Principal Business Center Of Rumford

Stretched out along the Androscoggin river bank, Rumford Point is a town that epitomizes the phrase, "What the past brought forth, made the present!" For, the village holds strongly to the past, the position of the mountains and the flow of the river, and the streams.

Point Ferry

The Point maintained a ferry for more years than any other town and it was just a few years ago that it was abandoned in favor of the New Rumford Point Bridge. Ike Easter was the last ferryman at the Point.

Bridges

The history of bridges at the Point would fill a book and a half, for those days of long ago, the bridgebuilders did not have the engineering know-how of today, and where the Ellis River meets the Androscoggin River was chosen back in the early 1800's as the ideal place for a bridge.

But everytime a bridge was built, a freshet came along, or an ice jam, or a log jam, or all three combined, and the bridge was gone. Sometimes the bridge lasted six months, sometimes a year, but according to the history available, four years was a long time record. It was rebuilt in 1852, 1857, 1862 and other dates and between times the ferry was put into operation. In fact, the ferry was always ready, in case the bridge went out.

There were comparatively few papers printed then and there were no dailies in Maine; postage and stationery were very expensive and very few letters were written, and of course, there was none of this advertising that makes up almost three fourths of the mail conveyed today!

The mail was brought on horseback to the Point from Portland by way of Baldwin, through Oxford, Norway, Paris then to the Point, and the trip which was supposed to be weekly sometimes took two weeks, depending on the condition of the weather, roads, horse and rider! After 1820, the four-horse stagecoach was put into service, ending a colorful era of the post-riders.

The first mail-carrier or post-rider was Jacob Howe, a native of Ipswich, Mass. He started his route in 1799, and for two years his route was from Portland to Bridgton. Later, he extended it to Norway and Paris, then he opened a weekly route which took him from Portland, passing through Gorham, Raymond, Standish, and all the towns to Bridgton and Waterford, returning by way of Norway, Paris, Hebron, Poland, New Gloucester and North Yarmouth. Seba Smith succeeded him. Smith was from Bridgton, and after he was through he passed the route to William Sawin. James Longley, of Waterford, was the first to run a stage direct from Paris to Portland, and return by the same route.

The small party of settlers here, as in any other small settlement, had neighbors not too far distant, but there were no roads connecting the various communities, and no communication was feasible. All travelling was done on foot, through the rough paths in the forests, spotted trees, or slashed bark guides from Andover to the Point.

At one time, at the Point, there was a shop-joiner, cabinet worker, carpenters, and blacksmiths, shoe-makers, farmers and dairy-men.

Rev. John Elliot was a pastor at the Point, coming here from Auburn on November 30, 1859. He held the pastoral relation over the church until his death, which occurred very suddenly March 15, 1879. He kept the church records, but few entries were made except for marriages, deaths and communions services.

Then, the church had no settled minister until Samuel V. Barnaby, a student of Amherst College, came for two summers. Then there was Rev. Joseph Garland, Albert Donnell, of the Bangor Theological Seminary; then J. A. Jones, W. J. Cole, of the Andover Theological College and Thomas McBriar of Boston. These were only called for the summer services as the church remained closed in the winters.

Church Dedication

The church building was finally built, and dedicated on March 8, 1865 at the expense of three thousand dollars and the first church service was as follows: 1. Voluntary by the choir. 2. Hymn read by Rev. N. W. Sheldon; 3. Reading of the scriptures, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright. 4. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Southworth. 5. Anthem by the choir. 6. Sermon by Rev. U. Balkam. 7. Anthem, 8. Dedicatory prayer, by Rev. John Elliot. 9. Remarks by Rev. David Garland. 10. Anthem. 11. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Mr. True of the Methodist Church.

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politics, served in the Maine Legislature, had been a civil magistrate, and postmaster and had held all the principal town offices.

John Abbott Rolfe, son of John and Betsy Abbot Rolfe, was born July 2, 1824, on the west bank of Ellis River, midway between Rumford Point and the Andover line. When 18, he went to Portland, served as apprenticeship in that town for three years to learn the carpenter trade. He went into a partnership and soon had a bit of business going. His partner died,

Mr. Duston married a daughter of Phineas Howard of Howard's Gore, now called Hanover. He was the son of Jesse Duston, an early settler of Bethel, and a lineal descendant of the famous Hannah (Emerson) Duston who killed the band of Indians at Pennacook, N. H., which had made her and her nurse captive at Haverhill. Mr. Duston married Henry Ward Beecher. He went into the furniture business in Boston, with Blanchards, where he was until 1861. He went into the insurance business in 1862, and when the great fire of Boston swept away

most of the businesses, his agency had about \$300,000 on the books and every one collected. He died in Medford, where the family residence was, Sept. 9, 1884.

The first public ferry in Rumford was owned by James C. Harper and was known as Harper's Ferry. It was a mile below the Point and it was discontinued in 1809. During the War of the Rebellion, when Harper's Ferry down

south began to be mentioned in connection with the war, Mr. Edmund Bean, a respected, but illiterate citizen of Bethel, known to all as "Mister Ned", was down at dren, Stephen H., born 1810, who

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bridged and it was in operation almost until the turn of the century. There were times when the crossing was very dangerous and some

have had many narrow escapes from drowning. At one time, a

young minister undertook to pull himself over in the small boat, and when in the middle of the river, he kicked his boat away and was left hanging on the rope, half under water, as the water was high! He

gave the alarm but there was no means to effect a rescue without

the larger boat. This was in time, population continually. On both sides of the river in the Point, towards him, but, in pulling, the

there are handsome buildings, and rope would be first taut, then slack, they are increasing every year. The

which kept the minister bobbing up Point has the advantage of all the up and down, part of the time way up

other towns for trade and market!" to his neck. He was rescued from

There was a Kimball who had a tavern at the Point in 1826 or there abouts, there were three stores, owned by Stevens, Kimball and Bolster, and the two roads then were

water than he desired. This leads to another story about

first, the road at the Point that led to Andover, through the town, and to Portland.

The Church

It is thought that the Congregational church was organized August 5, 1803. Rev. Daniel Gould, and

very first preachers, and they also were the first teachers in the Point, the Center, Rumford and Bethel.

The Post riders used to meet at the Point about every week, one of them riding from Portland to the Point, the other from Hallowell to the same place, another rode from Andover to the Point.

This happened, either in the

spring of the fall, for there was much ice in the water, and it made the going real rough, in all the crossings. On the ferry, we

find a young man, all dressed up

for a ball at Rumford Corner and he was to meet his date, the girl he later married. He wore a warm

fur overcoat over his fine suit of clothes. There were big cakes of

ice in the way and the ferryman

was doing his best to keep them from the boat, and steering clear

from them, and he was having trouble, when the young man

shouted, "Just let your Uncle Dudley pull a minute!" Evidently, he

was in a hurry to meet his girl. He seized the rope suddenly and he pulled away with all his strength.

There was a jam of ice ahead and the ferryman and others on the

ferryboat cautioned him not to run

into it, but his head was in cloud nine and he heedless them not. He

kept on pulling. When the collision

came, the rope was unshipped from

the boat, and the amateur boatman

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Rumford Center

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is farm and his cattle. He is a man and he liked to participate at musters, military parades, and Fourth of July celebrations.

He would salt his stock every morning by filling a bag and placing the sack across the horse, then he mounted and went to the pasture. When he would untie the horse, the Indians would blow a horn and the Indians expecting him would ride up and the horse, and the Indians would capture him and the horse, and the Indians would kill Mr. Woods would get away.

The first store in Rumford was located between the Centre and East Rumford and was operated by John Whittemore. After he moved to Dixville, where he and his wife are buried, Joshua Graham opened a store at Rumford Centre.

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The most was the first school in Rumford Centre which was located a bit above the land of Mrs. Colfin.

Lee Bartlett's home, in part, was the old schoolhouse moved down many years ago after it was decided to build a new school nearer the heart of the Centre.

The new school was named Lufkin School in honor of the town's first minister, who also taught the youngsters their letters.

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By Mrs. Ethel Robertson

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Indian Attack

After the fall of Quebec in 1759, the people of Maine were comparatively safe from Indians. Those that remained within the state were peaceful and friendly to the early settlers of Sudbury Canada. However, the unexpected did happen, in 1781, six Indians came to Sudbury Canada causing terror to its settlers.

The raid in itself and in its results was not a very serious affair. Two men were carried captive to Canada, two were killed, one in Gilead and one in Shelburne. Yet there was great concern and excitement in the settlement after the marauders had left and some defensive measures were taken to protect future attacks.

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A Brief Summary of Historical Growth

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Through a subscription dated June 26, 1789, at Sutton, Mass., signed by 25 or more share-holders, this wilderness became the property of Col. Jonathan Holman, for himself and his associates. The entire area was known in various ways, referred to as Holman's Town, or Dixtown, Holmanville.

(The Dix was in honor of Dr. Dix of Holland) who was a large shareholder. It was also known as "the Androscoggin Purchase", or Township #1.

The Plan

At the Institution of the Committee for the Sale of Eastern Lands, a plan was drawn up by Samuel Titcomb in Sept., 1789.

The lots were laid out containing 100 acres each, and the land was thus divided into sixty parts, or "rights". Subscribers were generally expected to pledge payment for two or more parts. It is not surprising that many years lapsed before payments were completed and permanent homes, churches, schools and other advancements made.

Mexico Corner

After the incorporation of the town of Dixfield, June 21, 1803, the small settlement at Mexico Corner, where the tributary Swift River joins with the Androscoggin, consisted of only seven widely separated families who had purchased land along the river or upon the rocky hills. These seven pioneer families, struggling to exist in the face of terrible hardships, were the few who assumed the responsibilities of the birth of new town.

From no old record, the following notation is preserved:

These were the inhabitants of Hollantown Plantation before Mexico was incorporated into a town. In the year 1808, they sent in a petition to the Honorable House of Representatives, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the abatement of their taxes, (which were only \$11,331) as they were unable to pay them. Only two or three were able to keep one cow and one swine, in those days. In their petition, quoted: "They pray that they may be exempt from further taxation until in more favorable circumstances and that they may be granted liberty to work out their taxes to make better roads."

Their names, which were to become revered as the century passed, were signed by: Thomas Eustis, Joseph Eustis, Samuel Knapp, Stephen Barnard, Isaac Gleason, Benjamin Edmunds, and Zebediah Mitchell.

The Background

During the ensuing decade, our country, under our second and third presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, was slowly outgrowing witchcraft and Puritanism, and was experiencing a wave of expansion and the building of mills and factories.

In the War of 1812, naval battles

and skirmishes freed us from English supremacy, and opened the way toward territorial growth in the South and West. Two years previous, in 1812, our down south neighbor Mexico, had begun open rebellion against Spain, arousing the sympathy of all persecuted people, especially, it seems the small but well-informed community which was soon to disband earlier cognomens, and become the proud little Town of Mexico, incorporated the 226th town in the State of Maine, on February 13, 1818.

\$60 For Schools

Two months later, in April, the town voted to raise \$60 for the support of schools and divided the area into school districts with volunteer teachers, who were not paid, but by the crops of the land and an occasional bay of hand-made soap, or freshly-churned butter, and the school rooms were maintained in private homes.

On Dec. 29, 1818, the selectmen of the town of Mexico, appointed a committee to petition the legislature, in agreement with Dixfield, for permission to sell the school lands and ministerial lots, which had been set apart in the original plan of the townships combined in Holman's Town.

From that sale, a sufficient sum was realized by the two towns to establish educational funds of some value. School houses were built, as plain but as practical as possible. There were seven school districts in Mexico by 1834. These buildings served the communities, or sections, of town in many other ways as well, such as for Sunday School, for school board and social group meetings as well as for political discussions, rallies and for voting.

If the schoolhouse happened to have a small organ or a piano, singing school was sometimes taught for a term of weeks.

Education In '74

By 1874, there were on record, 150 school pupils, five teachers, (daughters) and five schools in session thirty weeks during the year, weather permitting. Attendance was irregular, owing to the inability of some families to provide proper clothing, conveyance, and spare time, during the busy seasons on their farms. Child labor was a common interference in school attendance. In the ungraded schools of early times, discipline was too often a major problem. Male teachers were often employed, especially during the winter months, and corporal punishment was often severe in order to obtain proper obedience. Female teachers usually taught only during the summer terms and received an average payment of \$225 a week!

They were usually boarded free of charge, several homes taking turns in this responsibility.

As the town outgrew some of its growing pains, and became ever more prosperous, these district schools grew shabby and old-fashioned, outgrowing their facilities; then, gradually they were replaced so that by the year 1894, the town boasted of two larger and better schools. One of these was merrily equipped to start a free high school.

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larger building was erected on land donated by Mrs. Ann Abbott, in memory of her husband, Dr. Vick Abbott, and the financial support of a high school was assured, at a town meeting.

The well-known State Superintendent, Mr. Payson Smith, was one of the first superintendents of Mexico schools.

On the night before Christmas, 1906, this fine new school house burned to the ground. However, two years later, another was completed to replace it, even larger and finer and again was named Abbott School. Additional land had also been donated by William Day and Mr. George W. Ridlon, for whom a hotel was later named, and a Post Office at the lower end of Main Street. For many years, the town was thus divided, even after the so-called "Ridlonville" post office was abolished.

Fire Protection

In the interest of fire protection, a group of public-spirited citizens organized into the first Mexico Fire Department on April 18, 1908. Mr. Frank Perkins was appointed to be the first Fire Chief.

The records of this loyal and competent group of men has been faithfully kept in a log by Mr. Clayton Turner.

Churches of Mexico

Services of worship were faithfully attended in a Union Hall, in which Walton Lodge, K of P, later made its headquarters and still occupies for this purpose on Main Street. Several other religious groups held their services in private homes. There is strong evidence of devout following of the Seventh Day Adventists and a number of Christian Scientists in the town, midway in the 1800's. An outgrowth of the Ladies Temperance Band and the Mexico Circle was of the sentiment that a House of Worship should be erected, and maintained purely and solely for church services -- thus was born the building committee, May 1899, which planned the first church in town, the chapel, which was later to become a large Baptist Church.

It was built of lumber furnished by Daniel A. Austin, who cut the first tree used in the framework of the beautiful and beloved Chapel on the Hill, besides the Mexico Corner Cemetery. A First Baptist society was formed in 1903, at the time when the Congregational group of 67 members was raising the funds necessary for the erection of their church, on land presumably owned by good Dr. Vic Abbott, who spent his life in the service of the blacksmith's shop, and the railroad tracks, the livery stables and the watering troughs, where Joy's Garage is now. Stevens had the livery stables and rented horses as well as carriages to the trade.

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Grange

A new group, who were interested in improvement of farm homes and which earlier attended meetings in Dixfield, formed an organization of Patrons of Husbandry, which was named Swift River Grange. With 33 charter members, "all good substantial farmers, and farmer's wives and daughters", they held their first meeting and elected officers on Feb. 17, 1875.

The Grangers rented a hall for many years, before they were financially able to build their own. On Oct. 5, 1922, a special meeting was held with ceremonies for the dedication of their new home, the Mexico Grange Hall. The Knights of Columbus now own this hall, and Swift River Grange meets in the former Walton School House.

High School

In 1938, a modern and spacious high school building was completed, through the benevolence of Mr. William Bingham. More recently, a Junior High School building is being finished, and is already in use, located on Parker Street, adjacent to the New High School.

Library

Since about the year 1920, the citizens of Mexico, have enjoyed the facilities of their own public library, which is centrally located on Main Street. This attractive building also maintains a children's reading room, on the lower floor, with a Junior Librarian at the desk.

Municipal Building

A few steps from the Mexico Public Library is the Municipal Building, a new modern structure, with offices on the first floor and a large basement, ample for the voting booths, tables and kitchen and seating capacity for political, Farm Bureau, Scouts or other meetings.

Post Office

Mexico's new Post Office was formally opened to the public in 1961 on Riverside Avenue, near Mexico Corner.

Oxford Paper Company

The Oxford Paper Company in Rumford, provides employment for many Mexico citizens. Occupations have changed and farming has become of less importance, locally, than construction and manufacturing, buying and selling. A few saw mills continue to operate, and there are still enormous forests, although some sources of lumber and pulp have been depleted, the Oxford resorting to maintain their own woodlots in Canada and Northern Maine, so-called "Steeton Lands".

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side of Mann Hill, has long been

discontinued. Once there were

several mills along that road.

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to Dixfield.

Those farms have long since

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Sewall Goff
Sewall Goff was a first class
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tion of having been the first
white child born in Auburn, on Jan.
15, 1824. His parents were James
Jr. and Rachel Goff, and his
grandfather was James Goff Sr.,
who served as a patriot soldier during
the Revolutionary War, becoming
a sergeant at 16.

In 1863, he bought a fine agricultural
estate on Swift River Road
and he was the largest taxpayer
in town for many years. He was a
selectman for many years. On
March 4, 1845, he married Miss
Sarah Ham of Lewiston, Me., and
their children were: Marcia, who
died at 26; Wallace, who lived to
be seventeen; Sewell, who died an
infant; Albion, Rachel, Sadie, and
Julia. Albion Goff was also a farmer
who loved the homestead and
cared for the land; Julia married
R. L. Taylor, a resident of Mexico;
Rachel married F. R. Reed, civil
engineer, of Rumford Falls; and
Sadie married John Reed, farmer
and mill owner.

James R. Tucker, became the
proprietor of the Ridlon Hotel in
1895. He had quite an experience
during the Civil War. He joined
Company B, Second Mass. Battery,
serving for three years and a
month, and when participating at
Mansfield's Cross Roads, his horse
was shot from under him. He was
the first encounter in Vicksburg,
in the Pleasant Hill fight, and the
siege of Fort Hudson.

He married Gertrude Oyen, of
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L., before she died, in 1885.
He was married a second time in
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have a daughter, Bertha A. And
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Henry W. Park was a pros-
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field, he was the son of Isaac and

Upton: Indians Were There First

Upton was originally known as Maine Indian, Metallak, about Letter B. The first road was built in 1804, the Coos Road being changed at that time from Andover to Grafton and over the B Hills to Errol, N.H.

The first settlers, it is believed, began clearing the land between 1820 and 1840 and in the year 1860 it was incorporated under the name of Upton, the date February 9.

Indian names in the town and surrounding areas come from the tribe of Abenakis whose campsites were all about. Metallic Island was named after the famous

est has been shown in the Upton area.

Asbestos Deposit

It has been reported that under Umbagog Lake is an enormous amount of asbestos and the rock bounds are at it. There has been much activity for years and it has been thought that one day it would be a good idea to send divers down to see whether it was worth going after it, even if they had to drain the lake.

There is a story here that has to be told, as it is such a part of the country that it can't be left out.

There is a ghost on the lake, a lonely grey ghost. He is on the lake in his canoe and a few have glimpsed the ghostly white birch bark canoe being paddled by a very tall figure, an Indian, skillfully and silently maneuvering the canoe.

Some claim it is Mettalak. He loved the lake, knew every inch of it intimately and buried his wife on an island on the lake. He loved Ozaukee very dearly and when he died, he had to embalm her himself and he was very watchful that nothing ever happened to her body. It is told that he is still watching over her.

The men who fish the water of the lake claim that if they had good luck it was because Mettalak helped them, and if they have a poor catch it is because the ghost of the lonely Indian drove the fish away.

Upion, in the winter, is a small town, almost a ghost town. The people are quiet, lead uncluttered lives and wait for summer. In the warm months, the lake is covered with boats, and swimmers, fishermen and rockhounds. The vacationers arrive early and stay late, and then as the lake closes up for the winter, so does the town. But the winter season is short, for the fishing season sees the first of the tourists, and the town is alive again and in full swing.

This is Upton, then, a town of quiet beauty, with a thousand and one stories to tell and Stephen Vincent said it in his poem, "But just remember this about, Our ancestors so dear! They didn't find an empty land. The Indians were here."

Rumford Will Have One Of Most Modern Hospitals

A major construction project now under way in Rumford, Maine, is the erection of a new wing for the Rumford Community Hospital plus modernization of much of the existing hospital building. Completion of the project in late 1963 will give Rumford one of the most modern hospitals in the State of Maine.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on June 25, 1962 and immediately the work of removing earth and ledge rock to provide a basement and foundation for the new wing was started.

A building contract for the new wing and alterations to the old section of the hospital for \$1,163,828 was signed at the Nurse's Home in Rumford on October 30, 1962. Charles L. Ferguson, president of the board of directors of the Rumford Community Hospital, signed on behalf of the hospital. James H. Ritchie and Associates are the architects and engineers and Consolidated Constructors, Inc., are doing the construction.

The new wing will house new surgical, emergency and X-ray departments and will have beds for 71 adult and child patients. It will be connected floor by floor with the present building. A new maternity department with beds for 15 patients and 18 bassinets will be in the present building. This will give the hospital a total capacity of 84 beds.

At present the rated capacity is 54, although at times of emergency (Continued On Page 8A)

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South Andover Post Office Evokes Many Memories Of Days Gone By

As Told By Celia Elliott

The South Andover Post Office has a history dear to all of us born in South Andover, and of great historical value to those who like history and statistics.

Our great-grandfather, Hollon Abbott was one of the early settlers of Andover, and for him and his contemporaries, mail was received by horseback and at very uncertain intervals. The post-riders carried the mail pouches strapped to the saddle and letters were tucked in their hats and pockets for those en route. He was a welcome sight and visitor.

Later, Andover got a post office, around the year 1824, with Sylvanus Poor as one of the first postmasters.

The first postmaster at South Andover Post Office was my grandfather, Phillip Abbott, who started at that work in about the year 1850.

When the mail came in, the neighbors gathered for a social visit, until the mail was handed out. Barbara Cushman told of her father, Charles Cushman, going to Grandfather's for the mail and playing baseball with Uncle Herbert.

When a change of political parties occurred some years later the office was moved to the next farm, at James Stevens' place. The office remained for a good number of years and we recall so readily, the room where the mail was kept, and distributed, that we called "The Room". We were greatly in awe of this room.

The date is unsure, but, Phillip Hoyt went to East Andover, to get the mail, but it was sometimes between the closing of Stevens place and it being placed at the so-called South Andover store, where Uncle Hiriam Abbott was the postmaster for many years. From the early 1800's until 1916, when his death occurred,

During this period mail came from Bryant Pond and we can hear now the rattle of the wheels, from far below us, and how we rushed to the road to wave to Mr. Tuttle, the jovial driver of the stage coach, drawn by the four horses. His long lash whip fascinated us! Of course, there was no delivery. This was in the early 1800's.

From 1910 to 1912, the post office remained at the store, and Mrs. Hayerson, a niece of Hanson Hodgman, who was the store keeper, was the postmistress. When Miss Hayerson returned to the West, the office was again taken to the Abbott Farm and Stephen Abbott was Postmaster and our mother, Esther Akers Abbott, his assistant.

The office remained there until 1922, when again it returned to its former home, the South Andover store, where Stephen Abbott was assistant. The office was there until summer of 1938, when rural delivery was put on from Rumford Point. The delivery was from the Point to the Rees Homestead. Quite a change from when the stage came from Bryant Pond to South Andover, changed after that, to Rumford.

The South Andover Post Office had the following Postmasters: Hollon Abbott, James Stevens, Phillip Hoyt, (in earlier) Hiriam Abbott, Miss Hayerson and Stephen C. Abbott. The office was twice located at the Abbott farm and twice at the store.

There is something inspiring about looking into the past, at the days of the stagecoach. Life was not as full as now, but we knew then the wonderful friendliness of a handshake or a nod, and neighborliness, and a truth of selfless interest, what we miss in these busy days:

We've travelled a bit in memory in South Andover, by the way. We've harked to the days of the

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BETHEL — Established in 1960, the Luce Oil company is a fast-growing business, already a by-word in Bethel and Rumford. Luce Oil, which has so efficiently serviced a great number of furnaces, installed and cleaned so many burners, even in the middle of a cold night, has done best, when conditions were worst. Business has progressed as more people heard about their service. There is no doubt, that the friendly and efficient Luce employees are well-liked, and the gleaming clean, neat trucks, as well as the "heat as a pin" offices are all a credit to the communities as well as to the employees.

The owners are the Farmington Oil Co., in Farmington and the manager is energetic Richard Childs. The employees at Luce at the present time, in Rumford, are Herbert Emmen and Edgar Galanti; and in Bethel, Roger Luce, Mike Seman, Harold Young, Syl LeClair, Neil Merrill, Charles Merrill, Clyde Knight and Frank Gillson.

Among many services Luce Oil includes selling fuel oils, gasoline, motor oil, industrial oil; complete hot air and hot water heating installations and service.

Their slogan, "Service is Our Business" is well known, an accepted fact. They actually mean it when they advertise expert burner service for 24 hours a day, for many a family has signed with them, when calling the Luce Co., to hear these comforting words, "I'll be right over!"

Andover Wood Products

ANDOVER — The ingenuity of Maine people is boundless as is evidenced in the Andover Wood Products plant. Maine is famous for its woods and mountains, its great forests, and its lakes and streams. And so, with all this abundance of Nature, a by-product of Nature, lumber was put to good use.

The Andover Wood Products, Inc., puts out a line of furniture parts — yellow birch and rock maple edge-glued, solid hardwood di-

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by doubling up and using corridors the capacity has been boosted to 62.

The greater part of the funds for the new wing and modernization was raised by public subscription in Rumford and northern Oxford County.

In a fund raising campaign held between November 1st and November 20th in 1961 a total of \$707,303 was pledged for the construction project. This was made up of: Doctors Committee \$34,000; Corporation Committee \$283,910.50 (of which \$228,375 was contributed by the Oxford Paper Company); Memorial Committee \$195,763.25; Hospital Employees Committee \$5,088.17; and the Towns Committee (including employees of the Oxford Paper Company) \$207,859.37.

Maine And Oxford County May Have Great Future As Source Of Valuable Strategic Metals

The State of Maine is widely known as a source of almost every kind of mineral and gem stone, and Oxford County is one of the best known for that resource.

Oxford County beryllium, tourmaline, gold, amethyst, pegmatite, feldspar and other minerals are much sought after for industry and the jewelry trade, and collectors, amateur and professional geologists, and mineralogists are attracted to the county in great numbers to prospect for minerals.

There are many mines in the county, some inactive, others producing, and the gem shop and roadside display of mineral specimens are seen in many parts of the county.

Perham Store

One of the best known gem shops is that at Trap Corner, West Paris, owned by Stanley Perham, who for 40 years or more has mined, sold mineral specimens, cut gems and jewelry, has served as consultant, and is generally an authority on mineralogy, more specifically as it applies to Maine and to Oxford county.

Strategic Metals

Now it appears that Maine, and that includes the county, may have

mension, for furniture in sizes 4/4, 5/4, and 6/4.

Andover Woods Products has its own sawmill, sawing 2½ million feet a year. It also purchases a million feet of outside lumber. They have three Moore kilns with 100,000 feet capacity, heated storage for 150,000 feet. The plant is equipped with two Porter automatic cut-off saws, two glue wheels, two 36" Whitney planers, one electric fork-lift with 2,500 pounds capacity which is used in the panel mill, one face plane, one straight planer, and four 202 Mattison rip-saws. These are a part of the machinery.

Employed at the plant at present are Joseph Arnold, Roland Barker, Leonide Brault, Raymond Chase, Rosalie Charlton, Clarence Conrad, Ivan Conrad, Joseph Cote, Malcolm Cushing, Joseph Dube, Louis DuGuay, Robert Dunn, Fernand Favreau, Edgar Garand, James Senett Jr., Carmela Harrigan, Archer Hutchins, Edward Hutchins, Everett Hutchins, James Hutchins, Robert Hutchins, John Jodrey, John Jodrey Jr., Jean Laurendgau, Mark Laurendeau, Philibert Laurendeau, Thomas Learned, Daniel LeBlanc, Lucien Leroux, Edward Littlehale, Thomas Lombard, Albro McCulloch, Harold McCullough, William McDougall, Armand Michaud, George Morton, Hanson Morton, Owen Morton, Maurice Palmer, Delma Parker Jr., René Plante, Henry Poulin, Romuald Poulin, Laurent Poulin, Francis Remington Jr., Jean Roy, L. B. Slidell, Wilfred Turgeon, Yves Belanger, Melvyn Wilson, Charles Burnham, Elton Coolidge, Raymond Bousfield, Horace Goodrum, Guy Burnham, Paide Boland, Paul E. Bolduc, Alfred Plante, Eric Wight and Elizabeth Swan.

Field Work

Field work has been conducted in three general stages during the past five years:

1st: A general reconnaissance to select most favorable areas.

2nd: More detailed study and sampling of favorable areas to select specific deposits worthy of exploration projects.

3rd: Thorough exploration by diamond drilling with contemporaneous trace element studies and structural analysis to determine conditions of deposit formation. The last two scientific studies are intended to develop valid new guides for ore bodies and save time and effort during future prospecting.

The Appalachian Trail is becoming known as the Longfellow Trail by many who prefer the new name. Seems more like Maine somehow and all Maine people like to add their part to the building of its history.

Oxford County is rich in mines and listed are a few of the better known: Bumpus Mine, near Albion, and Elizabeth Swan.

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Shoe Industry

Large business in making boots and shoes was developed, at an early date by Solomon S. Hall, who at peak of his career, turned out 1,000 pairs per year.

In start the manufacture in Norway has been an important industry and since 1872, the town voted to build a factory on modern principles and the Spinney & Co. of Lynn, Mass., here, it has been the chief industry of the town, since.

Norway National Bank was chartered in February 1872.

Woodworking Plants

Working industries have been all prominent in the economy of Norway. In 1960, C. B. Cummings & Sons Co. marked one hundred years as a family enterprise which was started in 1860 by Charles Bradley Cummins, who opened a cabinet shop and began the manufacture of furniture in a building on upper Main Street. In 1870 he began the manufacture of clothespins at Sleepy Hollow.

A few years that business was sold to A. L. F. Pike and the old machine shop was bought on the site of the mills on the stream. The company manufactured books, shoe boxes and dowels. Boxes were sold to the local factory; the other products went to all parts of the country. They barely missed two of the thieves who boarded the train at a street crossing. On the way to Springfield, Mass., the officers and Sanderson again missed the robbers as they passed thru the train; they were disguised.

Cummings began making stock about that time, heels the main product. These too were sold to local factory. In 1898 after buying the Evans machine shop, C. B. Cummings hired a sawmill at the foot of the hill and got out long and short. There was a grist mill on some premises and that was used, grain and feed becoming much of the rapidly growing business.

The grist mill was vacated, secured and the business moved. In the great Norway fire, the grist mill box and leather were burned. Then, the house and mill near the depot were all passed on, Edwin S. Bethel went to New York to apprehend the two, but they arrested a man resembling one of the thieves and the newspapers caused such a stir about false arrest that the lawmen left the city in a hurry.

Eventually, a "go-between" returned to New York and reported to the robbers. After three of these trips, the money was delivered to the bank officials and the robbers at New York were released from any liability the bank had against them.

The Great Fire

The great fire of May 9, 1894 destroyed the C. B. Cummings & Sons box factory and paste plant, the tannery, the Opera House, Congregational Church, about 80 dwelling houses and other structures, and about 120 shade trees. During the year five large brick blocks, several stores, the Congregational Church, and some 50 dwellings were built.

Norway can be most proud of Stephens Memorial Hospital, which serves a large surrounding area; and Norway Memorial Library, a fine institution of learning, waiting to serve many who never open its doors.

At the start of another year, one might wish that the Town of Norway would gain more industry, more new streets, housing, and as would naturally follow, an increase in population. Perhaps, a more forward-looking gaze into the future would be helpful. Where have we been and where are we going?

A backward glance tells us that difficulties and hardships of bygone days, even though they were greater and cruder, were overcome by men of vision, perseverance, and a strong desire to promote the common good.

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reports findings of beryl, feldspar, muscovite, rose quartz, pitchblende, tantalite and beryllium.

Largest Beryl

At the entrance of the New York Museum of Natural History, just inside the door, is the world's largest beryl crystal, taken from the Bumpus mine in 1950 by Dana Douglass, from the town of Albany. It is shaped like a giant upside-down ice-cream cone, composed of massive aquamarine with a six-ton scoop of golden beryl. Thousands of phantom crystals were surrounding the main stone and hundreds of small beryl crystals sprouted around the base. It is twenty-seven feet, nine inches high and eleven inches wide on top; six and one-half feet wide at the curved line of contact between the blue-green and the golden beryl and it weighs fifty-two thousand, six hundred pounds. A real spectacular beryl and a sight to behold!

Rose quartz is famous in the area and Perham has mined more of it in Bumpus than has ever been seen.

Stoneham Gem

Stoneham has its famous stone, too. In 1900, a miner in Stoneham found a beautiful gem crystal. It was so pretty in the sun that he used to put it on the porch and watch the sunlight shine through it, making such a beautiful rainbow of color. A traveller passed through and bought it for a few dollars. "Now it is ascertained that it is one of the Hapsburg crown jewels. Prince Henry of Prussia bought the stone, described as a brilliant amethyst, from a New York gem dealer for \$30,000.

Mines listed include, besides Bumpus, the Donahue Prospect, owned by Ralph Kimball in Portland; Pingree Prospect, owned by Pingree in Albany; Peabody Mt. Quarry, Floyd Mason of West Bethel reports, apatite, feldspar, muscovite, quartz and tourmaline mica.

Peaked Hill and Prospect, owned by Mrs. Mason and Dr. Twaddle,

Bethel; Wheeler Mines, owned by Roger and Chester Wheeler, Bethel; Anderson Mines, owned by L. Anderson, East Stoneham, mines muscovite.

Aldrich Mine, owned by R. Aldrich, South Paris, mines; beryl, feldspar, muscovite, pyrite and serpentinite. Andrews ledge, owned by Mrs. W. N. Swett, Norway, reports beryl and muscovite. And the Butters Mountain area is rich in golden beryl and garnet. There is the Durgin Mountain area, rich in beryl; Foster Hill project, mining feldspar and muscovite.

The Lord Hill Mine, which is being operated by the White Mountain National Forest, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C., reports that in this Stoneham mine have been located all of the following: beryl, columbite, columbite, amethyst, and gem topaz, golden beryl, purple fluorite, green and white apatite, pink and blue feldspar, rose quartz, smoky quartz, chrysobal, phenacite, oiticite crystals and the largest gem crystals of beryllonite, as well as the finest sheet mica. Topaz is of the finest quality here.

There is the Metrose Mine, Styles Mt. Prospect and the Willis Warren Quarry. The General Electric Glass Quarry, Holt Prospect, Johnson Mines, Scribner Mines, Stearns Prospect, known as the Hornet Mine, for the amount of hornets that abound in this mine, the Wardwell Mine, Wentworth mine, all in the Bryant Pond Area, and in the Greenwood area are the famous Greenwood Caves.

The caves were formed by landslides, hundreds of years ago and one of the caverns, called "The Cathedral" is a cavern thirty feet wide and winter or summer retains winter ice and cold and is so impressive!

Mineral Uses

The minerals are of great value and it is interesting to see what they are used for. For instance, mica is used for electronic equipment and the production of condenser film. Spodumene: source of the metal, lithium and lithium chlorides, used in air conditioning and in the development of the hydro-

Milton Area

In the Milton Plantation area are the Champion and Champion Consolidated and Oxford Mines and they have two shafts dug now. There is the Hoopers Ledge, The Immonen No. 1 and the Perham Mine. In Woodstock the Lone Star and the Woodstock Lode, where copper, lead, silver and gold is taken.

Buckfield reports that Autunite, important host of uranium is found in here. The Bennett Quarry owned by Mrs. Blanchie Bennett of Bell Minerals Co., West Paris, is a soda-feldspar ledge pegmatite and seventeen minerals are taken from it. The museum of the Sheffield School of Yale University has an excellent twinned chrysoberyll crystal from this ledge.

She had what she thought was a rose quartz in her dooryard and geologists from Ohio stopped by and recognized it as a forty carat podule of rare and very valuable gem pink cestum beryl. She took it indoors fast.

Bessey Quarry, Cummings Mine, Dudley Prospect, Fletcher Mine, Irish Mine, Orchard Mine are all in Buckfield and in Canton is the Clark Mine, Wentworth Mica Mine, owned by Charles House, Rumford Center. In Hartford Township is the Ragged Jack Mountain owned by Wesley Poland, Woodstock or Clarence Lefoy, East Summer and is famous for chrysoberyll, the rare and valuable gem "cat's eye" chrysoberyll.

There are others, many many others, of course, but these are a few of the famous ones and some not so well known, but a joy to all the rock-hounds in the area, including Paris township, Peru Township, Dixfield, Fryeburg, Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, Waterford, Old Speck, Andover, Newry, Oquossoc,

society, Poland, Rangeley, Rumford, famous for its gold in Swift River, Mexico, Roxbury and others.

Find it or not, rock-hounding whether you walk one mile or sixteen, coming home empty-handed with a sack-full of beautiful specimens, is one of the best out-of-doors sports you can encounter, and it can be profitable as well.

"Favorable Ground"

To date Stage I reconnaissance has resulted in areas of Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Virginia being selected as what may be termed "favorable ground" for commercial beryllium deposits. These areas contain beryllium deposits but of uncertain economic potential. Second stage exploration is devoted to the most promising deposits within the favorable areas. Work during this stage includes relatively shallow drilling to obtain samples for analysis, primarily to determine whether beryllium mineralization is spotty or evenly disseminated. The latter type of mining and milling operations.

Work In Quarry

"In Maine work has advanced to the second stage at the Bennett Quarry in Buckfield, the Harvard Mine-Noyes Mtn. area in Greenwood, and on Plumbago Mtn. in Newry. Black Mtn. in Rumford may receive further attention if time permits. At Newry Hill in Newry work has already entered state Three; with diamond drill holes reaching depths of two hundred feet each. In this stage enough data are obtained concerning size, shape, grade, and mineralogical characteristics to permit conclusions to be drawn concerning not only the economy of the ore body but also to gain insight into preferred mining methods and milling characteristics of the ore.

"I should note here that our rate of progress is limited by available funds. Mineral Exploration is an expensive undertaking and unfortunately we do not always receive all the funds we would like.

"We have used many scientific and engineering tools in the course of our project. One, the diamond drill, I have already mentioned. Others include: the magnetometer, electro-magnetic unit, spectrometer, scintillation counter, portable gasoline powered rock drill, heavy media separation techniques, and various chemical tests. Three of the aforementioned tools I have here with me. This one, being worn by HARRY LOYCE is a magnetometer used in locating and determining the size of hidden magnetic ore bodies. A second is the scintillation counter held by RAY BOUDREAU and used to locate radioactive ores such as uraninite. The third instrument, the electromagnet prospecting device consists of two components, a transmitter held by HARRY LOYCE and a receiver held by CARL GOLDSMITH. When the apparatus is used to look for buried ore bodies which are electrical conductors such as copper, iron, or other metallic sulfides and the transmitter and receiver pass on opposite sides of a concealed ore body an anomalous reading on the instrument results. Devices such as these should be given far more intensive use in Maine.

"Another relatively new and very valuable tool for beryllium analysis and prospecting is the Beryllometer which I have brought along also to show to you. The principle on which it is based is quite simple. Beryllium atoms emit neutrons in response to bombardment by gamma radiation from the Isotope Antimony-124. The devise consists essentially of an Antimony-124 source,

a photomultiplier tube on which the neutrons resulting from excitation of the beryllium atoms impinge, and a scaler to count the number of neutrons striking the photomultiplier tube. The number of neutrons are in direct proportion to the beryllium content of the sample and by

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with the new standard of knowledge and of known grade of determined with the requirements of the paper involved in progress, so many changes have taken place in the Advertiser office.

In 1933 the Oxford County Democrat, which had been published by the late Arthur Forbes and George C. Atwood in South Paris, was merged with the Advertiser and ever since the name has been Advertiser-Democrat, but the paper has never lost the individuality established by Mr. Sanborn.

The intimate daily happenings in the communities of Oxford County have always been given first consideration, and no personal items ever considered too insignificant to print, for he believed that these made up the living history of the towns.

His slogan over many years was "Buy Or Borrow A Copy" and never, since 1882, has there failed to be an edition put out each week, and from 800 papers a week printed in 1882 the circulation has grown to over 4,000.

The layout of the paper has changed several times; from a four-page it has grown to 12, 14 and 16 pages; the columns have been dramatically changed too, from 7 to 8 in 1883, and from 8 to 9 in 1884, and for nearly a year the paper was printed in tabloid form.

The Whitlock Seven Column Quarto was later replaced by a Premier & Potter Press, a flat-bed rotary press, but also hand, and for 25 years George L. Saunders

developed, let alone the column properties of the press, but also hand, so there was no longer need for the clacking folder to operate and it was junked.

In 1958 this was replaced by a Cox Duplex Perforating Press, a flat-bed press, but self-feeding. This machine also combined press and folder, so there was no longer need for the clacking folder to operate and it was junked.



Former Publisher - Owner
Fred W. Sanborn
Passed on in 1938



Ralph S. Osgood
Owner, Editor-Publisher
Died in 1958



Robert C. Sallies
Present Owner-Publisher
One of the
World's Greatest Legman
Walter S. Chandler of So. Paris
(deceased)



Today's Managing Editor
Benjamin Tucker, Jr.
—Don York Photo

For months after the installation of the Duplex press, the tune I heard sung by all and sundry of my family was 'Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen', but time and experience have nearly overcome that, and when all is serene and the static has low, each section of the edition, takes only two hours to run off.

New Pressroom
This new press necessitated the addition of a new pressroom with a pit, and so, a large one-story room was built on the northwest side of the building. Felix Arsenault was boss carpenter for this job. The Bridge Street side was taken into account of newsprint are unloaded in the back shop, making room for an electric hoist hooked to a folding machine and the paper scaffold at the bulkhead, on the drilling machine in one section, the newspaper business was almost Bridge Street side of the office and the Heidelberg, Golding hand rolled through to the pressroom via press and casting unit in the other, the basement.

A new Heidelberg Press for job the casting had all been done in the work replaced the Kluge automatic, basement.

As in all businesses, not only the Linotype in the back shop became the bookkeeper, a position operators and owners also wear out, and the personnel of my family has changed many times.

Automation and so it had to go. It didn't fare as well as I and has no place of honor "by the side of the road".

In this time of changes it was not surprising that the office itself should get a renovation, and it surely did. The cramped quarters in the front office were alleviated by taking a large area from the back shop. This was divided into cubicles so that each person has a semi-private place.

The space once used as a barber shop and small apartment on the Bridge Street side was taken into account of newsprint are unloaded in the back shop, making room for an electric hoist hooked to a folding machine and the paper scaffold at the bulkhead, on the drilling machine in one section, the newspaper business was almost

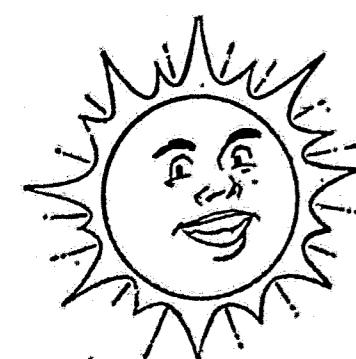
kept the books for a year and so then Marion Quinn has been the bookkeeper.

Nephews Take Turns
Two of Mr. Osgood's nephews have had turns at working under their uncle, first Richard M. Sallies who worked two summers before entering the U. S. Navy and then Robert C. Sallies. Most of Bob's vacations during school and at the University of New Hampshire were spent under the guidance of his uncle.

Although his ambition has always been toward the ministry, he also has the feeling of newwork and knows the business better than many with years of experience. At the death of his uncle, Mr. Osgood, he was placed in the position of publisher and editor.

Mr. Sallies still is the publisher but gave over the editorship to Ben Tucker, Jr. who had come from The Boothbay Register at the start of 1951 to work at the Advertiser-Democrat. Robert is now attending Andover Newton Theological School, but I see him often as he

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and his family spend the summers at Round Pond and also occupy Mr. Osgood's apartment over the printing office on weekends and holidays.

Others who have worked at various jobs in the front office have been: Rosemond (Dunham) Curtis, Mrs. Marion (Whitman) Buck, Mrs. Mary Woodworth, Mrs. Doris Cuttig, Mrs. Mearle M. Brown, Mrs. Anita Tracy, Mrs. Carolyn (Veratti) Slattery, Robert Moorehead, Norman Foster, Glenn Gurney, Mrs. Marion B. Brown, and for part-time proofreading, Mrs. Annie C. Brown.

In the back shop Clayton Murch had come and gone several times, also Robert Drouin. At the death of Prince Steward, Walter Smith took over as foreman. His health necessitated several trips to the hospital and so he took part-time work, Rex Parsons came from the Franklin Journal in 1948; Arthur Kelleher, spent some time with us before going into business for himself.

Short term workers (there are no such things as tramp printers anymore) have been Leroy Smith, Shirley Bennett, Joseph Richardson, William Roberts, Clyde Cummings, Tom Higgins. Stanley Cram came in 1947 and has stayed to finally become foreman of the back shop.

Celia Webber was followed by Miriam Burns at the Intertype and Faye Everett came back to stay for quite some time before going to the Bangor News and has worked part-time since retiring from the News.

Ola Day came to learn the Intertype in 1957 and her daughter, Eleanor worked during vacations until this year when she became a steady employee, doing fine work at makeup on ads and job work.

The latest acquisition is Arthur Herrick who does casting, makes up pages and runs the press.

Legman Par Excellence

This sketch would not be complete without my mentioning one of the greatest legmen of all times, Walter S. Chandler. From 1916 to 1950 Walter covered, on foot, Norway and South Paris, getting ads and News, impartially. For many years he lived in South Paris and walked back and forth four times a day, besides traveling for all the ads and items.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and could put things down on paper in such a witty way that the simplest news was interesting. He also worked "out back" when emergencies arose.

Another group I must tell you about is our loyal band of correspondents. Staying here by the road I hear so many names, but I can remember some because they have been mentioned so often. Those who have gone before are Old Bill of Stow, William Sanborn; Go-Shoes, Flora Cummings; This and That, Agnes Fuller Benson; Samantha Jane, Eva Bradlee Jackson; and Phoebe of Maine, Florence Westleigh.

Still with the paper are Hiawatha Homestead, Fred Juddins; Thomas Hill Newsfeal, Helen Thomas Pratt; Waterford Echoes, Charlotte Morse Filebrown; Among the Hills of Dear Old Maine, Eleanor Lovejoy. Once I would like to hear from are Folks at Home and Away, Flora Abbott; Homely Homilies, Lillian Abbott; and Looking South From My Window, Eva Shorey.

The present office staff includes Robert C. Salles, publisher; Benjamin Tucker, Jr., managing editor; Glenn A. Gurney, admian; Marion H. Quinn and Marion B. Brown, bookkeepers; Mearle M. Brown, who reads, writes, edits and tries to keep the subscription files straight; Annie C. Brown, part-time typewriter.

In the back shop: Ola L. Day and Stanley H. Cram, Intertype

Pulia Lumber And Hardware

The Pulia Hardware and Lumber Company Inc. is one of the enterprising businesses which has sprung up in Rumford in recent years, with its big hardware store and lumber yards fronting on Prospect Avenue at the end of Bridge Street.

The firm was established in 1953 at 50 Prospect Avenue, with its owner Nicholas Pulia, Stephens high school graduate and veteran of World War II.

Mr. Pulia is president and treasurer of the corporation.

Managers of the big plant are Jerome Bolduc and William Harmon, the latter the yard foreman. Here all manner of hardware items may be found, for building home repairs or business or industrial use, together with lumber and building materials, and a variety of items for maintenance of home and grounds.

Lawn furniture, garden tools, everything for the householder in the line of hardware and maintenance items are available here.

operators, Stan also foreman of the back shop; Rex W. Parsons, Eleanor I. Day, George L. Saunders, makeup of ads, job printing; Arthur F. Herrick, caster and pressman (news); Walter C. Smith, Mr. Fixit, with all the little unwanted jobs one could wish for.

As in any weekly newspaper, everyone has a dozen jobs they can do and, most of the time, they are doing pretty nearly all 12 at once; but, I defy you to find shop where the crew works better together than the old shop I left nearly 40 years ago.

I may watch the world go by for another 40 years and what do you suppose I could tell you then?

—The Washington Press

Eight trucks, two fork lifts and two sales cars comprise the automotive power which keeps the firm moving.

The employees are Wyvern Lufkin, Jeanie Devost, Laura Gallant, Louise Horne, Jacqueline McKinnon, Rubie V. Richardson, Gerald Deans, Lorenzo Miller, William Crooker, Maurice Metivier, Doyle Woods, Rose Reed, and Jon Merrill.

Partners In Progress

The Diamond National Corporation considers its operation in West Peru, Maine, as a Partnership in Progress. We have a sizeable interest in the community and the surrounding area because it is here where we manufacture billions of pieces of wood and paper products each year.

These products, which are sold throughout the country, include clothespins, toothpicks, ice cream and candy sticks, tongue depressors, coffee stirrers and wooden spoons.

But beyond what the company does — and the capital investment it has in its plant and equipment — Diamond National has an equally important stake in the people it employs. These people — your neighbors and their company make many direct and indirect contributions to the welfare of the community.

Diamond National has been in business in West Peru since 1932. Many of our people who came to work for us 30 years ago are still on the job. They, and many others who have come after them, are important members of a skilled and loyal work force that consists of almost 500 persons.

They have made progress on their jobs with Diamond National — and because this is so, they have been

able to pass on the benefits of their progress to the business establishments of West Peru and surrounding areas. The same can be said of the policy Diamond National has

followed for the purchase of many of the raw materials are purchased locally, providing additional employment and help boost the economy of the community.

These are but a few of the reasons why Diamond National is proud of the job it is doing in West Peru for its customers throughout the U. S., for our employees, and for our neighbors.

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Lloyd's Lumber

Lloyd V. Armstrong, of Dixfield, one of the prominent contractors in the Greater Rumford area, expanded his operations in 1960 with the

purchase of the Rumford Lumber company on Prospect avenue, Rumford, and the establishment of Lloyd's Lumber Company Inc. in its place.

The firm's manager is Clarence Haynes, who has had a long experience in the field of lumber building supply sales. The firm supplies all types of lumber and building supplies and builders' hardware.

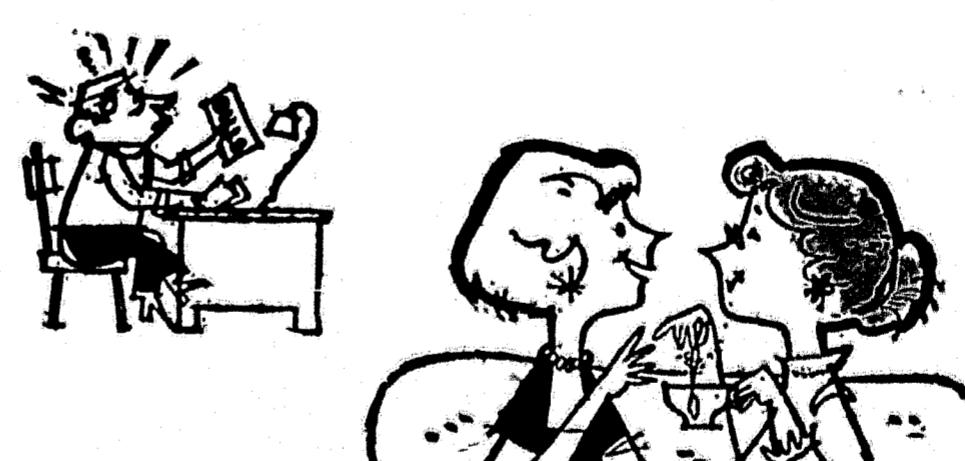
"Everything to Build Anything" is the way the owner and manager put it.

The firm enjoys a thriving business in well known brand name products, such as Bird roofing siding, Armstrong-Dragon cedar shingles, Anderson windows, and lumber produced in Maine.

The company does not feature trying to compete with foreign products, but tries to sell more products whenever possible.

Quality material at a fair price is the goal they strive for in their dealings with the buying public and the builders of the area. They use their merchandise in various construction jobs going on in the area.

Keep Maine Green



"Jasper is still living in the days . . .

when our electric bill was just for light and the refrigerator. Why, today it covers 23* different electric appliances and services right in this house."

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- TV
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- coffeemaker
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- hair dryer
- ironer
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- refrigerator
- washer
- kitchen fan
- toaster
- food mixer
- electric fry-pans
- shaver
- water heater
- power tools
- furnace motor
- clothes dryer
- radio
- electric blankets
- waffle iron
- lights

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Rumford, The Metropolis In The Wilderness, Still Progressing And Growing In All Ways

Rumford, its settled village area, once called the metropolis in the wilderness. This was in the days of the establishment of Rumford saw mill paper town along about 1800.

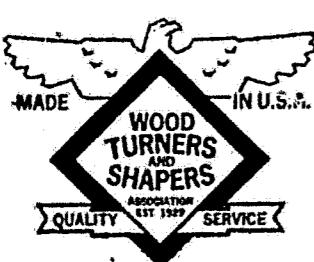
course, the town itself, incorporated in 1800, has had a long history - and history is in the making in its industries and social and civic life. But the village of Rumford Falls, now Rumford, has grown and prospered, and is still growing, with a large and progressive paper mill as the backbone of its being.

Rumford's businesses, its schools, churches, and social and civic activities, its town government, everything about it, have shown dynamic growth in a relatively short period of time. It has truly been something of a phenomenon.

A general rule, Rumfordians, friendly and courteous sort of people, and this hospitality is extended to none. They are proud to entertain groups of people as conventions, skiers, skatourists and others, who are anxious to return to this fair town, now Rumford Center, and connoisseurs Rumford Falls, whose never palls on the traveler. Rumford was incorporated on January 21, 1800, and William Muller was its first representative to the Great and General Court. At

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Rev. Mr. Gould worked endlessly, preaching in the church and instructing the school children for many years in the town. He, at that time was one of the few educated men who could work, and teachers were needed badly.

Town Meeting

The town meeting were held in private homes but we have records that show that money raised for various town projects in 1801 was \$60 and 29 years later, the amount was \$400. For roads, in 1800, the town raised, \$300 and in 1832, fifteen hundred dollars were raised. Bridges were a hot item discussed at each and every town meeting. Many bridges were built, but they were destroyed by floods and had to be rebuilt.

In 1803, it was proposed to erect a meeting house at the center of the town, now Rumford Center, and \$130 was raised for this purpose. In 1804 the town raised the sum of \$30 to erect a church.

The Settlement
In 1777, Jonothan Keyes and his son Francis, came from Gloucester, where Mrs. Keyes was left with acquaintances, and they headed north to clear a bit of land and begin a settlement. A log cabin was built, the land cleared, a crop planted, and wood cut for fuel, and then two long years later, on October 29, 1779; the father and son returned to Gloucester to bring Mrs. Keyes to her new home. Soon after, others arrived in the area and the village began to grow.

At that time there was little to denote that in the future there would be a fair-sized town down-

Lawyers

Among the famed men of this town's past were these lawyers, the Hon. Peter Chandler Virgin, who helped form the constitution for the State of Maine, was county attorney, town clerk, and agent, post-

master at the Corner, and held other offices of trust. His body is buried at Rumford Point.

The Hon. Lyman Rawson settled in Rumford Point and practiced law in town. He served with Dr. Zenas W. Bartlett settled in Bethel and Hanover, studied with Probate. He is also interred at the Joint cemetery. Timothy J. Carter, William J. Kimball, both through all the towns of Oxford young lawyers who died young; William Wirt Virgin, who was Major general of the Maine militia and

being a good physician, was in the regimental band of the Second Maine Volunteers. He practiced at the Point mostly, but travelled all around with his horse and buggy. Dr. Thomas Roberts and practiced with Dr. Hiram F. Abbott, who besides being a good physician, was in the other offices of trust. His body is buried at Rumford Point.

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Post Office
In 1815, the Rumford Post Office was established and Nathan Adams Jr. was the first Postmaster, on January 12.

First Church

The Congregational Church of Rumford under the Rev. Daniel Gould, (the same for whom Gould Academy was named) had its beginning in 1803, and on October 29, 1828, the meeting house at Rumford Center was solemnly dedicated as a house of worship, and Daniel Hall was chosen Deacon.

Changes At Oxford Plant Have Improved The Company's Profits

Improved operations and increased sales have put the Oxford Paper Co. in an enviable position in its field, according to a feature story in a recent issue of Investor's Reader. For example, it took only 24 Oxford salesmen to sell \$74,120,000 worth of book, magazine and commercial printing papers in 1961, this being due primarily to enthusiasm for the company and its products, says William H. Chisholm, president.

Investor's Reader, designed to humanize and dramatize business and financial news, is published every two weeks by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., and distributed to 200,000 investors, business executives, schools, newspapers, and libraries.

The article states: Paper profits are generally up this year and Oxford Paper Company is no exception. For the first half of 1962, it earned \$1.75 a share on sales of \$39,000,000, a 28% profit and 5% sales rise over last year. President William Hardenberg Chisholm expects to continue to increase our sales department in the last few years but it is still comparatively small.

Unlike the majority of its colleagues however, Oxford is writing current improvements atop earnings gains scored in 1961. While industry shipments of printing papers were off slightly last year, Oxford, which is the largest producer of these papers, managed to roll up a 1% increase ton-

nage-wise. Although lower prices caused dollar sales to dip 2%, net income bounced back to a five-year high of \$3,450,000, equal to \$2.92 a share. In 1960 earnings came to \$2.26 a share, not counting \$2.04 profits on sale of timberlands.

President Chisholm credits the good performance to "a good sales department and a damned good product. We have increased our sales department in the last few years but it is still comparatively small."

It took only 24 Oxford salesmen to sell \$74,120,000 worth of book, magazine and commercial printing papers in 1961; an average of more than \$3,000,000 per salesman. Says 55-year-old president Chisholm: "I think the key word here is enthusiasm for the company and its products. And that is sparked by excellent sales leadership. Andy McBurney, vice president in charge of sales, started at Oxford with me back in 1935."

At that time when Bill Chisholm had his first summer job at Oxford, his father, Hugh J. Chisholm, was president of the company, a job he had taken over from his father, Hugh J. Chisholm Sr. The elder Chisholm was not only the founder of Oxford (in 1899) but one of the three co-founders of International Paper and a one-time president of that industry giant. After grandson Bill got his BA from Yale in 1940 he worked in the Rumford mill for one year, then as a sales trainee in Oxford's Chicago office until he went into the Navy in 1941. Following his discharge in 1945 as a Lieutenant, he joined the New York office as assistant to the president. In 1956 he moved up to president.

That year produced the biggest profits in Oxford's history — \$5.43 a share. But declines in each of the next three years brought net down to \$1.77 a share in 1959 be-

fore it began to recuperate in 1960. The price of the 1,000,000 shares, which are Big Board listed under the symbol OXP, has more or less followed the path of earnings. It reached an alltime high of 52 in banner year 1956, see-sawed each year thereafter within an overall range of 43-to-24. Having reached the high end of the scale early this year, they fell back to 28, now trade around 33.

One major improvement in Philip Hovey's position was effected in his entire career conversion of the sulphite pulp mill in Rumford, Maine.

Philip Hovey's father's tenure as president contributed substantially to improved profits. It is produced much higher quality, more pulp. We can use more aggressive cutting methods which is cheaper than

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Magazines still account for 44%
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though a decline in advertising
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this business, the loss was more
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maining 16% comes from sales to
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Of Oxford's three plants — Rum
ford, West Carrollton, Ohio and Lawrence,
Mass., — only Lawrence is not currently operating profitably. Chief Chisholm thinks "they will
be in the black by the end of the year." The Lawrence mill was ac
quired in 1958 from National Geographic. Oxford transferred its former production to the Rumford Mill and converted Lawrence to commercial printing papers.

As to further acquisitions, the
youthful president allows Oxford is
"always" on the lookout for something
that fits in." But asked if he
has anything on the fire now, he
replies firmly: "No, and that's honest!" Bill Chisholm would not be
averse to issuing stock for ac
quisitions — "if what you get is go
ing to increase your earnings, why
not?" However Oxford's cash position
is exceptionally good and husky. Depreciation charges (equal to
\$3.75 a share in 1961) substantially
add to cash flow.

The Government's new schedule
of depreciation allowances will not
affect Oxford's depreciation or
earnings this year since the new
allowances are just about at the
rate Oxford has been charging off.

Conservative Rate
Thus the Oxford dividend is con
servative even after the nickel
raise to 30¢ quarterly starting July.
Management limits itself to stat
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more than 50% of earnings." But
considering the \$3.25 earnings pro
jection for the year, this would
still leave the gate open for ad
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Bill Chisholm takes an active in
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He is a director of the Institute of Paper Chemistry, the Uni
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When he is not engaged in compa
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Dixfield, Founded By Rugged Pioneers, Is Today A Thriving And Growing Town

Nestled in a pleasant valley, on the edges of the placid Androscoggin, Dixfield is a growing town. It is a prosperous town, with the homes and lawns neat and well kept. Dixfield people are proud of their town and would never wish to live anywhere else.

Incorporated June 21, 1803, Silas Barnard was the first representative to the Great and General Court. In 1810, seven years later, we learn that 403 settlers were hap-

pily settled in this happy little valley and ten years later, in 1820, the population was 155.

The first postmaster in Dixfield was John Marble Jr. and the mail was then delivered by four-horse coach from Dixfield to Peru. This was around 1817. This was begun about the year 1812, when a carriage was put on the route between Portland and Paris, and in 1820, a four-horse coach was needed and put upon the route. After a few

years, as offices were established, the route was extended to Andover and down the river to Dixfield and Peru.

Abbott Family
One of the old families that lived in Dixfield, before 1850, is the Abbott family. History states that in 1850, Levi Abbott, son of Philip Abbott, was born November 4, 1802, and married in 1825. Vashti, the daughter of William Wheeler, one of Rumford's most influential families. Their children included Dexter D., born July 8, 1826, who married Drusilla, whose last name is not recorded, but might be known by some reader of this account. He was the first proprietor of the Mount Zircon Mineral Spring and House. After his death his widow married Jefferson Jackson of Milton Plantation.

Their second child was Sophia Scott, born June 17, 1828 and there is no further history on her. The third child, a son, Victor M., was born October 11, 1831 and he was married, although his wife's name is not recorded. He was a physician and died in Mexico.

Their fourth child was named William Wheeler. He was born December 20, 1835. The fifth child was named Paris Baxter and was born December 18, 1843.

Another old family in the town were Aaron and Charlotte Waite, whose daughter, Charlotte, married a Henry Abbott Jr., son of Henry Abbott.

The Marshes
Albion P. Marsh, who became quite a business man, was born in Dixfield, August 8, 1823, son of David and Asenath (Parks) Marsh. The first ancestor of the family in America was John Marsh, who emigrated from England in 1634 and settled in Massachusetts. He was a wool-carder or weaver. Andrew Marsh, the grandfather of Albion, was born in Sutton, Mass., and he was an early settler in Dixfield, where after clearing a farm, he spent the rest of his life in its cultivation. He married Rebecca Stone, and their children were named John, Nancy, David, Joshua and Lawson.

Albion's father was David Marsh, a native of Sutton, Mass. When his parents moved to Dixfield he was quite young and turned to logging and hired out as a teamster. Later, he turned to farming and was really successful at this occupation. Their children were Albion P.; Liva L.; Matilda L.; Annette and Matilda; Andrew, Caleb, Leonora, Pauline, David M., Jerome and Chestina, Asenath, the mother passed away in 1882.

Albion was educated in the district schools and lived at home until twenty-one. He went to Rhode Island to work, then to Ohio, then the call of the town came on him and he went to Weld, where he engaged in dealing in country produce. He retired late in life and remained in Dixfield, thereafter. He married three times. He married Matilda D. Newton in 1870, daughter of Burleigh and Sarah Newton of Dixfield and their children were Norman D., Chestina, Harry B., Little M. and Owen. Their homestead was the handsomest set of buildings in the village, and its members were respected as worthy representatives of one of the old and reputable families.

Dr. Bartlett
Silas Powers Bartlett, M.D., was known as the venerable physician of East Dixfield, Maine. He was also the leading mathematician of Maine.

He was born in Bethel and acquired his education in the public schools and Bethel Academy. He taught school for a while and then

read a course of medicine with Dr. Thomas Roberts of Rumford. Then he entered the Maine Medical School at Brunswick, and he graduated with the class of 1841. He died in Lewiston, born January 29, 1857 and married Lucy Powers for two years, then in 1845 came to East Dixfield and succeeded Dr. M. born September 10, 1860 Z. W. Bartlett. He bought the died May 10, 1866 and Addie, was born January 28, 1866, son of Silas, who became an merchant in Lewiston, born, Jane located in Gorham, N.H. remained 29, 1857 and married Lucy Powers for two years, then in 1845 came to East Dixfield and succeeded Dr. M. born September 10, 1860 Z. W. Bartlett. He bought the died May 10, 1866 and Addie, was born January 28, 1866, son of Silas, who became an merchant in Lewiston, born, Jane located in Gorham, N.H. remained 29, 1857 and married Lucy Powers for two years, then in 1845 came to East Dixfield and succeeded Dr. M. born September 10, 1860 Z. W. Bartlett. 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was more than he could stand—his nerves broke, he resigned and came home. He died a young man.

Dr. Freeman Evans Small commenced his practice in Rumford Center, later practiced in Rumford and just when his popularity reached a great peak, and his success was assured, he moved to Portland where he continued a successful profession. The town misses very much its beloved Drs. Noyes, mother and daughter, and the late Dr. Greene, and Dr. McCarthy.

It might be amusing to note the business men of the early Rumford days—we know about the blacksmiths and the livery men, and there were the merchants, but Rumford also had cabinet makers, and cordwainers, tithing men and hog reeves. Coopers were kept busy as were the canoe builders and the raft makers before the advent of the ferries and the bridges.

Thomas Roberts practiced in Hanover, but did as much as any doctor, starting all times of day and night, moved to Rumford, and later at the Point. It is said he himself to death for the sick or poor—he was kind and y and much beloved.

Frank G. Russell settled in Ford Corner, an energetic fellow and a well beloved doctor until break of the War of the Reb-

He enlisted and was com-

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In 1850, the population was well over the 1500 mark and the families and their businesses were listed.

Among the names mentioned and

Gliness were here then, as were

the Goddard family, the Grahams,

Abbotts, farmers and carpenters; Abbotts, farmers, and blacksmiths; Andrews, carpenters; Abbotts, teamsters; Keyes, carpenters, and an Ackley family, farmers and lumbermen. The Adams, Allens, Arnolds boasted of inn holders, farmers and merchants. The Bristols were farmers, Bolsters were merchants, Bardens were inn holders, James Bullock was a physician.

There were the Bryants, the Barkers, the Barleets and the Beards, the Bisbees, the Blanchards and Bakers, Colbys were here, then and Isaac Cushman, the merchant, and Clements the tailor. There was from

a Carter family, Curtis, and Richardsons, Ripleys, Rawsons, Careys', who came from Scotland.

The Clements lived here, Caldwell's, Richmonds, and the Simpsons, Se-

Coburns, and the Dolloffs; the gar, Stevens, Silvers, Smalls,

Dwinels, the Dollys, the Delanos, Smith, Stevens, Swains, and the Ty-

lers, Taylors, Thompsons, Thomas,

and Trumbulls. There also were the

families of Peter Virgin, Nathaniel

Woods, Jeremiah Wardwell, cabin-

et maker; Timothy Walker, Francis

Winslow, James Washburn. The

Wheeler, Wyman and the Warrens

And, today's telephone directory

proves that many of the families

have remained in town where their

ancestors cleared the land and built

their homes.

Bridges

A charter was granted to build a bridge across the Androscoggin river, at any point between the mouth of Ellis River and Kimball's Ferry in Rumford in 1819. It was to be completed in four years. Later the time was extended to five years, from January 15, 1820 to February 17, 1827. On February 14, 1833, an act was passed to take effect in April following, for the protection of the bridge, providing a fine of \$3 for crossing it faster than a walk.

On March 23, 1839, an act was passed increasing the rates of toll and at that time the rates at Bethel, Jay and Rumford were uniform. On January 26, 1839, all the bridges on the Androscoggin river were swept away by a winter freshet and then the ferries were put back into operation and it was many years before other bridges replaced those at Rumford, Jay and Bethel.

On February 18, 1835, the Rumford Falls Bridge Company, was allowed five years to construct a bridge across the river at or near Rumford Falls. The bridge was started but never completed. Hard luck followed the builders, and floods and freshets were constantly hampering the work.

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The first public ferry across the Androscoggin in Rumford was owned by James C. Harper and was known as Harper's ferry. It was a mile below Rumford Point, and was discontinued in 1809. Then, it was established between the Point and the Corner, and Moses Kimball, John Estes and Porter Kimball owned it, one after the other. Then a bridge was built. After the 1839 freshet which demolished the bridge, the ferry was put back into use, with Porter Kimball the owner. It went from Charles Kimball to Frank Martin, and then to Roscoe Knight. In 1811, Stephen Putnam ran a ferry at East Rumford and this was known as Putnam's ferry. Aaron Graham established a ferry at Rumford Center and in 1850 Romeo Dolloff operated it and records show that once a John Emery Adams owned the ferry at the Center.

In lists of Rumford businesses before 1850, mention was omitted of the following: traders, hotel keepers, millmen, carriage workers, wool-carders, cloth-dressing, shoemakers, clover millers, starch mills, chair makers, potash men, axenakers, box-maker, glovers or glove-makers.

Typhoid

A typhoid epidemic raged rampant through this little quiet town in 1893, while the canal was being built and Rumford lost many local persons as well as many workers imported from outside.

The aftermath of the disease left a great impact on the town, and some of the families afflicted by a loss left town to move to a healthier climate. However, by January 5, 1893, which fell on a Thursday, the water was turned into the canal at Rumford Falls at 11 a.m.

The Chemical Association works were the first to start, and the big wheels began to turn. At 1:40 started building. There was no railroad yet in town, but with the station being built there was no doubt that the air, and the ladies, in their modest bustles, waved dainty lace! In 1893, there were 100 good, substantial homes, including the largest trimmest hankiechiefs and cheered. The head-gates of the Rumford paper mill in the world, Chemical Falls Paper company and of the works, hotel, boarding houses, Rumford Falls Sulphite mill were stores, and residences, one home planned and caulked, but not quite worth \$10,000.

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There was a saw mill, doing a landslides business with so many new homes and bridges being built; more often than not King's became the place where the river-drivers met and regaled themselves after hard drive, or while still on it.

First Electricity

This was also the year that the Rumford Falls High School building was proposed, and the town was lighted by electricity for the first time on Monday, June 19, 1893.

There were two arc lights on the highway bridge and three street lights on Congress Street. It was agreed that the town was truly civilized and Maine's newest city was a real metropolis and had Count Rumford happened into town, he certainly would have scampered up Falls Hills with his coat-tails a-flapping at the sight of the brilliance about the town that bore his name.

On March 9, 1893, the chimney of the Rumford Falls Paper Company was completed and it towered 165 feet. It was a real landmark for tourists.

Congress Street

In 1892, there were three buildings on Congress Street and in 1893 there were ten. And Stryker built the Highway Bridge over the Androscoggin at the cost of \$16,000. It was 180 feet long and it was 25 feet over the low water mark; the first riveted bridge in town.

The same year, the sewerage project was started and in 1893 all homes were piped for water and sewerage.

This was a great year for patent medicines, pianos and organs and the Dixfield Music Hall was holding big acts such as "Billie Burke's Comedians," with a brilliant Brass Band and with free band concerts daily.

The ladies were wearing large spring mantles with huge over-blown sleeves and green was the color for the winter season.

River Drivers

That spring there were 21 river drivers who stopped in town to eat and rest and they went to King's Restaurant on Canal Street. They were so pleased with their dinner

store, with heating equipment sale as well, on Congress Street with a Mr. Bartlett engaged in repairing of watches.

Gold

Swift River gold was discovered and some men set up a business commercial miners, and hundreds of dollars were taken from the river, from 1893 to 1900. By spruce gum became famous and the town has since recognized Gum Corner.

A Mr. Norcross, a pioneer miner on Swift River, took a small fortune from the river and became the vaudeville lovers. Harry Carey was

two weeks and at the movie that filled the

A summer term of school opened with 50 pupils attending. The teacher, Miss Mina Page, railroad was doing business, but a cloud

Liquor seizures were frequent fairs. September 28, 1893, the Andover Fair was opened and quite number of people attended.

Bears were really troublesome causing some hundreds of dollars of damage to sheepmen and cattle and a man named S. M. Lock claimed he had just killed his bear and vowed to keep going until he had rid the land of all bears.

1922

Just about 30 years later, Rumford had assumed all the assets required for a successful town. The Oxford Mill was running full

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The cloud was this, 'The superior Chevrolet' was advertised to sell at only \$615, delivered and nothing to buy but the license!"

The financial report for the year showed that the town was really on a great progressive state, and booming. The town farm was run at a profit of \$462.36. E. K. Day Co., was offering fine gingham at \$3.50 a yard, and aviation was just beginning to make an appearance, for a report was printed that an airplane, possibly a two passenger plane, was seen circling over the town.

'Trade At Home' was the trademark and Rudolph Valentino was a smash hit in 'The Sheik' which left all the ladies in a swoon and the men wondering what grease 'The Sheik' slicked down his hair with.

This was the year that the Oxford Paper Company took over the

Rumford Falls Power Company, the date March 4, 1922.

A woman ran for office for the first time in town and, Mrs. Herbert Lyons caused quite a stir in the town by defeating her opponent, Freeland B. Martin in the election for the town treasurer, a position he had held for 32 years.

The Continental Mill put out 55 million bags weekly and the men were earning seven to ten dollars a week and the ladies who sorted the bags earned four dollars. A man's haircut was twenty-five cents and the ladies could purchase a lace-trimmed corset-cover for ten cents.

1936

This was the year of Rumford's worst flood. All those who remember this year know well the devastation that followed.

Nothing had ever touched the town as deeply as this flood with the exception of the Waldo Street Fire about ten years previous. The fire had swept on both sides of Waldo Street and even now there are a few vacancies where huge blocks were once, including the Majestic Theatre.

But, the flood hit all over. In the Virginia section, the water rose to the highest point ever, with Domers' Barber Shop near the Busy Bee reporting the water level almost up to the ceiling. The water covered the bridge, it also covered the highest part of the bridge between Rumford and Mexico. The flood waters washed out almost all of the bridges on the Androscoggin that year. Homes went downriver, backhouses were spotted floating on their sides, pianos dunked up and down in the frigid waters. Chickens and cows went swimming, too, and occasionally a dog or a cat was seen riding a rooftop.

Fires

Fires hurt the town in the next decade. The Falls View Hotel Rumford burnt during the Christmas

Holidays in the early 1940's; the Rumford Falls Times building, Prospect Avenue, housing the presses burnt, and the Rumford Furniture Store and Freddie's Lunch also burnt, all causing great losses to the town.

Much construction followed these fires and most buildings have been rebuilt. Bridges are bigger and better and the homes that are being built are as modern as can be.

Today 1962

Rumford's population stands today a little over 10,000. Before World War II the population was higher, over the 12,000 mark. However, many were lost in the service of the country and some families moved out during the days of the war's aftermath.

Before the depression of the thirties, the population was higher, but it started dropping with the mill layoffs, and the leaving of the bag mill.

The town boasts of a hospital with 67 beds, which will be almost doubled with the building of the new wing, now in progress.

The Rumford Community Hospital serves a great part of Oxford

County with patients from Bethel, Andover, Frye, and even Canton, not an infrequent occurrence.

There are at the present time five elementary schools, Bisbee, Pettengill, Chisholm, Rumford

Point's Kimball School, and the new Virginia school that have almost 1000 pupils. The Junior High School, with the new wing houses well over 600 pupils today, and the Stephens High School has approximately 50 students.

The town is proud of the two parochial schools, St. John's and St. Athanasius, which have a combined 1060 pupils.

The Strand Theatre seats 800 patrons and the Rumford Drive-In has 400 car capacity.

New Department

In 1961, a new Department of Engineering and Inspection was established. A Planning Report Phase II Comprehensive Plan was completed and accepted by the Planning Board. A preliminary report for Sewerage and Sewer Treatment Facilities was completed with Federal and State funds. A comprehensive Town Insurance Program was adopted by the Board of Selectmen. A re-investment of Cemetery Trust Funds was adopted to increase the yield of invested

funds. A two-way radio communications system was purchased for the Civil Defense and Highway departments. A new firetruck was purchased for the Fire Department. A new bridge was constructed to replace the 'Old Iron Bridge' at North Rumford - and the new name, 'Howe Bridge' is to honor John R. Howe the oldest native-born citizen of Rumford. Holder of the Boston Post Cane.

John Howe was born February 8, 1864, at Rumford. His great-grandfather to Rumford from Marlboro, Mass., in 1800, the year the town was incorporated, and built a homestead in North Rumford, where John R. resides today. He served as Supervisor of Schools for the town of Rumford from 1892 to 1894 inclusive, and as a member of the School committee from 1895 to 1898. He is now 98 years of age.

The bridge was named the John Howe Bridge by the 100th State of Maine Legislature.

A new fire protection dam was constructed in Smith Crossing and a portion of Somerset Street and the road to the Oxford East Gate were reconstructed.

Lincoln Avenue has been reconstructed and a new avenue has been built beyond that where a few years ago, there was nothing but woods. The mountains have been tamed, and where forests once protected the settlers and gave them a living and the lumber for their homes, now, spread in a great panorama, is a town built on hillsides, with the Cross on the top of the St. John the Baptist Church overlooking all.

Rumford has blossomed forth as a great ski area, with the new Chisholm Ski Club, with much town help, building a ski area to make the town proud and bring in winter tourists as well as summer tourists.

Five hundred and sixty two babies were born in 1961 in town, with 228 of them born to Rumford citizens and the other 326 to residents of nearby town. One hundred and eighty four deaths were recorded, 134 died in Rumford, and 66 of those were Rumford people. Eighty six marriages were performed in the area, with 61 performed in Rumford.

Permits were issued for twenty-six new homes, at an estimated cost of \$365,300. And the total (Continued On Page 10)

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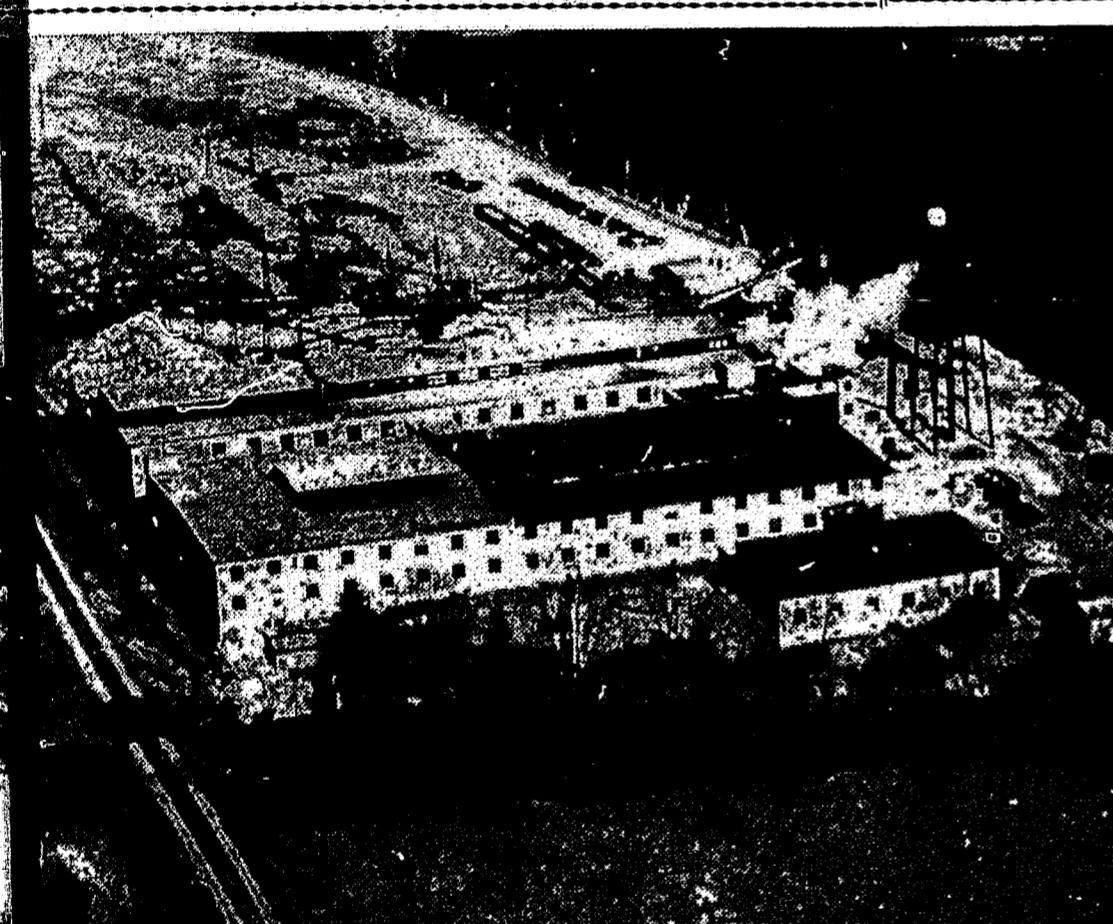
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construction, including homes as well as industrial for the year was over \$524,720. With 145 permits involved, one hundred and sixty-one electrical wiring permits were issued during 1961 where in 1960 ninety-three were issued.

There is a new two-way radio tower and base station building and six mobile radios, two remote units and a base station which is located in a cement block building in the Virginia area. The mobile units are in five highway department vehicles, and the sixth has been installed in the Civil Defense Director's vehicle. One remote unit is located in the Town Manager's office and one in the Municipal Garage. Although these units were purchased by the Local Civil Defense Department, they are used daily by highway department crews and have proven helpful during daily operations.

Rumford has a swimming program, a playground, and arts and crafts program, the baseball pro-

gram, the tennis program and the skating program. The town supports three skating rinks.

This year, 1962 the Park Commission is considering a small Tot Park with a Wading Pool for youngsters from 4-8; the Mechanics Institutes does a fine job in entertaining youngsters of all ages.

Fire Dept.

The Rumford Fire Department is bigger and better than ever before with four triple combination pumpers, one new LaFrance aerial ladder truck with 200 feet of ground ladders, a pickup truck, the Chief's car, two portable pumps, 12,000 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 3,500 of 1½ inch fire hose, a portable station boasts of one 300 gallon truck, a 750 Gallon truck, one portable pump, an aluminum boat and ears and 1,300 feet of 1½ inch fire hose.

The Rumford Point Fire station has a 500 gallon tank truck, a portable

pump and 1,500 feet of 1½ inch fire

hose, all of which have performed well and been commended for their fine work during the past years.

Over 3,122 adults and children use the facilities offered by the Rumford Library, with many children enjoying the music and story hour held during the summer months.

This year, 1962, saw the streets of Rumford beautifully decorated for the Holiday season, with everyone working hard to make their stores and business houses prettier than ever. Homes were decorated heralding that famous phrase, 'Let there be Light!'

Rumford carries some of the traditional fun that was once known, such as the band concerts in the park, all through the summer, every Friday night; the Community Band and the Orchestra which held concerts at the town hall, but there are rewarding days, like on Labor Day, and the Fourth of July, with its fireworks, always a big day in Rumford, and the jolly Christmas season.

Rumford has many churches and its citizens are proud that this town is a religious town as is proved by the following churches and their congregations, St. John's and St. Athanasius, the two Catholic Churches, which support two schools, two rectory's, and two convents; The Rumford Universalists Church, the Franklin Street Methodist Church, The Virgin Memorial Chapel, Methodist; The Rumford Center Methodist Church, the Rumford Point Congregational church, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and there is the Temple.

Rumford has many merchants attending the needs of the population.

It takes a lot of little businesses and stores and services to keep a town progressive and Rumford boasts the best.

"We are proud of our town, and we love our homes on the hills. We are proud of our schools, and our teachers, our churches and our preachers and priests and we are proud of the progress of our town on the banks of the Androscoggin and of its 182 years of steady progress.

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The plant employs about 75 men and women, and on occasion the number of employees is increased with the acquisition of seasonal orders. The plant manufactures dowels, handles, and spiral-grooved glue pins.

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Our Value

Oxford County forms most of western boundary of State with New Hampshire. Bounded by York and Cumberland Counties on south, Androscoggin and Franklin Counties on east, and Province of Quebec on north. Farming, lumbering, manufacturing and the vacation-travel business are principal activities. Pop. inc., 1950-60, 0.3 per cent.

TRANSPORTATION: Maine Central R.R., branch line terminus at Rumford; Mountain Division station at Fryeburg. Trunk highways: U.S. Route 2 from New Hampshire; State Routes 5, 17, 26, 35, 108, 117, 118, 120, 140, 219.

PHYSICAL FEATURES: Upland to Mountain Region. Intervales and broad valleys extending into forested, mountainous terrain. Northern area of county consists of headwaters of Androscoggin River, with largest Rangeley Lakes Chain, Moosehookmeguntic, Parmachenee, Aziscoos, Richardson and Umbagog Lakes. Androscoggin River flows west-east through center of county, with greatest natural waterpower site in New England at Rumford. Southern section of county is general farming, manufacturing, lumbering area, with vacation-travel developments. Principal rivers: Soco, Androscoggin, Swift, Little Androscoggin, Nezinscot. More than 301 named mountains and hills in foothills area of White Mountains foothills area.

HOUSING UNITS: 1960, 16,480.

COMMUNITY FEATURES: Rumford-Mexico is largest community area, serving more than 20,000 population. Site of Oxford Paper Company, one of State's largest; also commercial banking, shopping and service trade center. Norway-South Paris area, in southern section of county, is second largest industrial, commercial and service trade area, serving population area of more than 10,000. Its products include wood products, shoes and moccasins, while nearby mines produce mica, feldspar, quartz and semi-precious stones. Bethel is a large township west of Rumford with farming, sawmills, wood products on the vacation-travel business as principal activities.

In the southwest section of the county, Fryeburg is the largest community and oldest town in the county. It is a transportation center, with several small industries, stores and service trade facilities. Kezar Falls, Dixfield, Woodstock, and Andover also have small industries, with farming, lumbering on the vacation-travel business as other prime activities. Nearly all other Oxford County towns are predominantly agricultural, with lumbering, youth camps and vacation resorts as major activities.

RECREATION: Fishing, swimming, boating on all lakes and ponds. Skiing, hiking and mountain climbing, with many marked trails to rugged mountain peaks. Golf courses at Bethel, Norway, Canton, Lovell, Paris Hill and Rumford. Fair grounds at Andover, Fryeburg, South Paris, White Mountain Forest south of Gilead in several townships.

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Schools

Schools were next on the lists of needs, for up to now all the educating had been done in the homes. There is no record of the sites of the first schools. Later, Mr. Bodwell sold a bit of land in the village, and there the school was built and Andover's formal education system began. Later, the town was divided into school districts and each district was held responsible for their particular school, until, of course, many years later when a general superintendent took over.

District No. 2 was at South Ando-

ver, District No. 3 was at East Andover, and No. 4 at North Andover. There was another school at the Andover Surplus, which was called a plantation. The first High School accomodated high school students and all grades above the 6th. Later a High School was established and the first class graduated in 1899. At the present time, the High School has one hundred students and ten teachers.

Had we lived in the early days of the town, we would have had nothing but praise for our mail system! A little imagination, and we see the first mail carriers on horseback, and it came by various ways; Then, the mail came to Andover, via the Grand Trunk Railway, and a stagecoach brought it to South

Andover and then to Andover. How well many of the older citizens remember that stage coach!

There was a change of horses at Rumford Corner. Much of the time, four horses were used, and the rumble of the stage coach could be heard a long way off on the rutted road! Sometimes the stage had passengers—people who were seeing a town just beginning to develop for the first time, coming from Boston, New York, or maybe just from Portland! Coming to visit in their fine clothes—a contrast from the coarse hand woven clothing of the early settlers!

The children used to wait to hear the rumble of the wheels, and the arrival of the coach, once a week, or sometimes once every two weeks, with a real event! Later, the mail came from Rumford.

Eventually, postoffices were established at Andover and South Andover; the mail being brought from East Andover and later, an office was established at East Andover.

Saturday To The Lakes
Andover was the Gateway to the Rangeley Lakes and consequently at one time Andover boasted two large hotels, and several smaller ones. First the Thomas Hotel was built, then, French's Hotel (the present postmaster's grandfather owned French's Hotel). These two hotels accommodated most of the Lake trade and served many guests of note, in a most gracious manner. Think, if you will, of a full course meal served for seventy-five cents! A horse and wagon was always available at a moment's notice for the convenience of its guests. Courtesy and real friendliness was the keynote in those days. There were the later hosteries, including the Milton Hotel, the Greg House and the Homestead, where a large number of guests were accommodated.

Settled by men of wisdom With purpose to build anew Establishing good lives for their families.

From all this — Andover grew.

There was peace within the valley

In this little gracious town,

That now has special honor!

Indeed has world renown!

Here, a spot was sought for

Science.

Here, the Telstar came to be,

And, from far and near they gather,

All this wonder, each to see!

But the Spirit of its birthright Still remains! And, pray it may,

For, benefit of honest effort— Dark indeed, would be the way!

The Indians called the valley Andover "Happy Valley" and star has really made Andover pier as Telstar pays a huge payment to the little village, it is a great boon indeed. But, Happy Valley today is a far cry from day when Happy Valley was and so hard to reach.

First Potato Crop
There is a tale about the potato crop that bears repeating, without actually

As we ascertained, Capt. E. Merrill was Andover's first and Molly Ockett's acquaintance, with the people of Andover by with the Captain's family.

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Great Progress
From a handful of settlers who established a settlement in 1786 to today has seen a remarkable progress. In 1790, there were 22 persons in Andover, today, Andover boasts over 1,000, somewhat spurred on by the erection of Telstar, last year, which has indeed placed Andover on the Map.

Covered Bridges
Three covered bridges have been an attraction for Andover, but today only one remains, the one at South Andover, called the Lovejoy Bridge. Only recently, the bridge has had some remodeling and is in good repair.

Visitors to Telstar have stopped by the hundreds to watch and listen to the clock on the old town hall ring away the hours and the half-hours, a rare sight indeed, today.

(Mrs. Elliott, well known, for her poetry and verses, a former school-teacher, and a woman of letters, has managed to convey in a few ill-chosen lines, her love for her home town in the following verse.)

A little town, nestled among the hills,

In pioneer spirit, born,
Settled by men of foresight
Who treasured each dawning morn!

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her companion.

The first real calamity of their stay was the first year they were settled there, when the good Captain had gone to get his seed potatoes. The river was then the only means of hauling supplies and Ellis River was as navigable as any river, except in times of high water.

A whirlpool by the rapids suddenly caught the raft, and tossed it about like a toy. The Captain made a flying leap and managed to scramble up the bank with not much more than a slight wetting but, his precious cargo, his seed potatoes, all that kept him from starvation through the coming winter, went to a watery grave!

It was a real nice day when Merrill started down river on his raft he had made to haul his seed potatoes. He made good time down river, picked up his seed potatoes at the Point, and started back upriver.

Almost like a nightmare, the river suddenly became a maelstrom of rushing, swollen waters, evident-

ly from fast melting snows up river. It was a freshet, no doubt, but the Captain, on the raft, headed upstream, only paddled harder hoping to make home and safety by nightfall.

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The Captain went home and told his family what had happened and his two sons, appalled the great loss, set their wits to working and went to work and built another raft and learning of the exact location headed down the river as soon as the water had subsided somewhat.

At the rapids, where the day before water had been frothing and seething angrily over the rocks, the clear waters now gently slipped quietly, murmuring over the rocks, clear as a mirror, revealing the potatoes scattered on the river bed below. Moses and Roger were jubilant!

The overhanging branches of the trees threw shadows of light and darkness over the waters, mirroring the reflections of the two boys. But, they were not interested in the beauty surrounding them. They set about cutting up two long stout poles, sharpened the tips, two-handed, and laboriously set about the tedious job of retrieving potatoes, one by one, and with luck sometimes two at a time. Persistence and perseverance paid off, and happy within their hearts that they had managed to stave off a winter famine, they poled slowly and carefully up the stream.

This is an authentic story of the first potatoe crop in Andover.

Bear Story

Roger Merrill, one of those boys mentioned above, once went on a bear hunting expedition with Metallak.

Mettalak, for those who don't happen to know, was an Indian who lived most of his life in and around this area, especially around Umbagog, and Andover. He lived to be 120 years of age. He and Molly Ockett knew each other and often met while each leading a separate life among the whites.

Roger Merrill was just fifteen years of age when he went on a hunting trip with Metallak on Farmers Hill. Facing White Cap and Horse Shoe Pond, Metallak's dog began to bark furiously, evidence that some game was ahead, and both started on a run in the direction of the barking, Metallak leading. As he came up to the dog, a huge bear sprang out from beneath a fallen spruce tree and jumping furiously, threw him to the ground. The dog, well-trained in such matters, seized the bear from behind, while the bear, in trying to get rid of the dog, threw himself backwards. Before the bear could reach him, Roger, gun in hand, killed him with a well-aimed shot.

They went home for a hand-sled and brought the bear into town, one of the largest ever shot, and the meat supplied the families in town for a long time. Roger never got a scratch, but Metallak had a few claw marks.

Susan Merrill, the eldest of the family, was brought into the world by Molly Ockett, who nursed Mrs. Merrill. For three years, these three ladies were the only women in the village. Susan, for being the first child born to white parents in Andover, was entitled to one hundred acres of land, which was given to her father. She married Nathan Adams, and she moved to a farm near the Hanover line. One of her sons, John Merrill Adams, was ed-

itor and proprietor of the Portland Eastern Argus for forty years. This then were the folks that first settled in Andover and their descendants are proud of their forebears, as they are proud of their town, their churches, their town hall and their Winter Carnival which gets bigger and better every year.

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Tales Of Indians And Gold In Roxbury

ROXBURY — This pleasant little village was incorporated in Oxford County on March 17, 1835, and to hear the laughter and sounds of joy and merriment on the local skating pond in the winter, is to know that this is a happy village. One of the very earliest settlers in Roxbury must have been Samuel Arnold and his wife, Mary. They had nine children, one, Sheriba, who was born in Roxbury in November, 1837, two years after Roxbury was incorporated. She died Feb. 27, 1858, at a tender age. Very little is known about the family except that they were one of the first families in town. The other children of Sam and Mary were Samuel B., born May 22, 1839; Elizabeth M., born Dec. 27, 1841; Eunice C., born Jan. 26, 1845; Joseph A., born in Rumford Aug. 10, 1846; Martha M., born Aug. 16, 1848; Clara A., born Dec. 3, 1852, who died the following October; and Edith V., who was born in Feb. 1854, and died the same October. Joseph Arnold married a lady named Georgiana, and they had one child, Willard Samuel, who was

born Dec. 26, 1878. Their descendants are still living in the Roxbury area.

Another old settler was Benjamin Lufkin, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., April, 1863 and married Mehitable, daughter of Edward and Deborah (Stevens) Abbot of Concord, N. H. He came, while quite young to Rumford, then moved to Roxbury, dying there in November, 1844. They had eleven children, Joseph, born Aug. 19, 1866, who became a minister and married Lorahamah, S. Kimball; Samuel, born Aug. 15, 1878, married Farnellie Segar; Jacob, born Elliott; John, born Dec. 16, 1792, married in 1819 to Phoebe Kimball; Aaron, born May 26, 1795, married Lucy Brown; Esther, born June 4, 1797, married Bernard Carter Stevens of Grafton, N. H.; Moses, born Feb. 12, 1800, he became a minister, married Hannah Virgin in 1827; Benjamin Jr., also became a minister, he was born April 12, 1802, married Elizabeth Thornton; Mary who was born July 2, 1804, died in infancy, Oct. 10, 1812; David, born Feb. 17, 1807 and died very young on Jan. 16, 1832. Then, Hannah, born Nov. 19, 1809 and married Jesse Macfield.

came and settled in early times, but these are the ones who were brought to the attention of this writer. They were some that came earlier, but their histories are obscure. However, there are the forefathers of this fair little village, and their descendants live on, farming the same land, caring for the old homestead.

Mines And Rockhounds

Roxbury, of late, has been more than bounded by the ones who follow the contours of the hills, looking for that hard-to-find mineral jewel or just a pretty rock!

In the Roxbury Township there is much placer mining for gold, and it is the richest, purest, gold One wonders if anyone has ever found the lode! There is a rumor, that is very hush, hush, that it has been found.

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Tales of Indians

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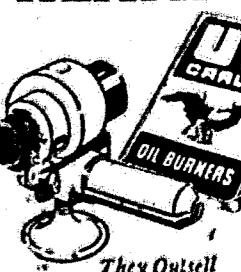
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